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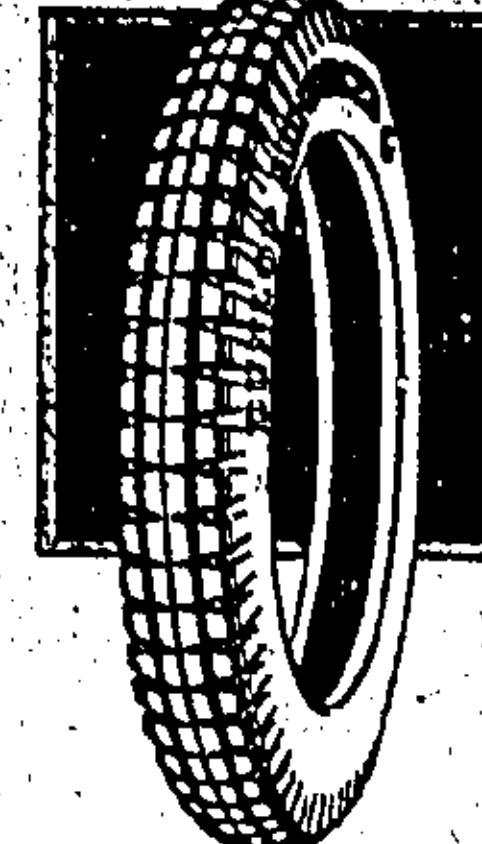
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PRIME MINISTER  
APPEALS  
FOR BOLDNESS.

INDIAN CONFERENCE  
SPEECHES.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S FAMOUS  
PROCLAMATION.

MUTUAL GOOD WILL.

London, Nov. 12. The King Emperor's Speech at the inauguration of the Indian Round-Table Conference, together with summaries of the other speeches, was broadcast throughout India, Australia, Canada, United States, Germany, Denmark and Holland.

At the end of the sitting, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister and Chairman of the Conference, proposed that a committee to advise the conference on the conduct of business should be constituted, composed of sixteen members representative of the delegations.

The Conference later adjourned until Monday when it will meet during the morning at St. James's Palace.

Tardiness Reply.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that the declarations made by British Sovereigns and statesmen from time to time that Great Britain's work in India was to prepare her for self-government have been plain.

If some say that these declarations have been applied with woeful tardiness, I reply that no permanent evolution has seemed to anyone passing through the period of progress to be anything but tardy.

We have met to try and register, by agreement, recognition of the fact that India has reached a distinctive point in the process of her evolution.

Whatever that agreement may be, there will be some who will say that it is not good enough, and some who will say that it goes too far. Let them say so. We must boldly come out and appeal to intelligent and informed public opinion.

Civil disorder is by way of reaction and it destroys social mentality from which all constitutional development derives and upon which all internal administration is based. Men who co-operate are the pioneers of progress.

Give and Take.

The Maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir said: "Neither England nor India can afford to see this conference end in failure. We must be impressed by mutual understanding and good-will. We shall need to give and take. If we succeed it is England no less than India which gains. If we fail, it is India no less than England which loses. We are no belligerents assembled to dictate or accept peace, but partners met together to adjust our mutual interests to the common benefit."

Victoria's Proclamation.

The Gaekwar of Baroda said: By concession in a generous measure to the aspirations of the Princes and the peoples of India and by that alone can realisation be given to the noble words of Queen Victoria, who said, in a famous proclamation: "In their prosperity will be our strength, in their contentment our security, in their gratitude our best reward." May we all labour whole-heartedly with mutual trust and goodwill for the attainment of so great an end.

Promises to India.

Mr. Srinivasa Sastri declared: Through all the clouds of prejudice and misunderstanding that have darkened the problem, two statements of policy shine like stars by whose light we can guide ourselves. They both have the authority of His Majesty's Government. One was made by the Viceroy a year ago, to the effect that the natural issue of India's constitutional progress as con-

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PRINCE OF WALES  
FLIES DO.X.

TAKES FULL CONTROL FOR  
TEN MINUTES.

"A WONDERFUL SHIP."

London, Nov. 12. The Prince of Wales, after flying from Hendon Aerodrome, near London, to Southampton Water to-day was a passenger in a demonstration flight in the German flying boat Do.X. which is to cross the Atlantic.

To the surprise of officials at Calshot Aerodrome, near Southampton, where the Do.X. is moored, the Prince arrived in an amphibian machine, the "Sare Cloud," a most powerful amphibian, owned by Mr. Holt, the wealthy Canadian business man.

The machine alighted and taxied across to the Do.X. where Doctor and Frau Dornier welcomed the Prince.

On returning from a brief flight over the Isle of Wight, it was stated that for a brief spell the Prince took full control of the Do.X.

During the flight the Prince, who was much impressed with the flying boat, toasted the Commander and the crew and wished them success on their Atlantic flight.

A short flight was later made to enable the Prince to see the vessel take off and alight on the water. The Do.X. is expected to leave Calshot on Friday.

The Prince later flew back to London. He took over the controls of the Do.X. for ten minutes and remarked subsequently: "She is a wonderful ship." —Reuter and British Wireless.

FRENCHMEN'S DASH  
TO SAIGON.

ARRIVAL IN BANGKOK NOW  
REPORTED.

Bangkok, Nov. 12. Gouffet and Lalouette, the French fliers, have arrived here from Calcutta. They have a hop of 400 miles before them to complete their brilliant flight from Paris to Saigon. —Reuter.

Lady Flyer Sets Out.

Villa Coublay, Nov. 12. Mademoiselle Hillze has started an attempt to fly to Saigon and back in a light aeroplane. —Reuter.

ANGLO-ARGENTINE  
TRADE.

AGREEMENT SOON TO BE  
PUT INTO FORCE.

London, Nov. 12. In the House of Commons, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary, said the Argentine Minister for Foreign Affairs recently informed the British Ambassador that Lord D'Abernon's agreement awaits the approval of the Senate, and, when this was given, the Executive would take the necessary steps to put it into force. —British Wireless.

NEW YORK DRUG RING  
ALLEGATIONS.

TWENTY-ONE PERSONS  
UNDER ARREST.

New York, Nov. 12. Twenty-one people have been arrested allegedly as participants in a drug ring which has been carrying on a business amounting to \$10,000 weekly in supplying narcotics in the foreign quarter of New York. —Reuter's American Service.

MRS. BRUCE REACHES  
AMOY.

NEXT HOP PROBABLY  
TO-MORROW.

Amoy, Nov. 12. Mrs. Bruce made a good landing at Amoy at 4:30 p.m. to-day.

A leakage from the sum-  
moning slight repairs.

Mrs. Bruce will probably leave on Friday. —Reuter.

DAYLIGHT OUTRAGE  
BY PIRATES.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER  
VICTIMISED.

SHIP TAKEN TO MIRS BAY IN  
BRITISH WATERS.

STEWARD SHOT DOWN.

BOUND from Swatow to Bangkok, the Norwegian s.s. Hirundo, of about 2,000 tons, was pirated off Bias Bay by a gang of desperadoes yesterday, a Chinese steward being shot and badly wounded, while the chief and third compradores were kidnapped, presumably for ransom.

Less than four months have elapsed since the last seizure by pirates of an ocean-going steamer, and the latest outrage contains several unusual features.

The gang attacked in full daylight, at noon yesterday to be precise, while they made their landing at Mirs Bay, in British waters, this being the first instance of such daring within memory.

It was not until daylight this morning that the vessel was released, a wireless message being despatched to Hongkong immediately the pirates had left.

Main details of the experiences of the Officers and crew of the ship are still lacking, but from interviews secured this morning with the wounded man and a pantry boy, the essential facts can be reconstructed.

NO RESISTANCE OFFERED.

The pirates were in full control of the Hirundo from noon yesterday until daylight this morning. Exactly how many took part in the outrage cannot be estimated, but it appears that the party divided up, gathered unostentatiously at vital points aboard and rushed the bridge, took control of the main deck and the engine-room simultaneously.

The Chinese steward was shot down on coming to the door of the galley when the pirates made their first rush, to see what was the cause of the commotion. One of the gang immediately opened fire on him without compunction, two bullets taking effect, one in the shoulder and the other in the arm.

Asked if he could distinguish the pirate chief, the injured man replied in the negative. He could say, however, that all the pirates were well versed in various dialects. From his point of observation, he counted at least twelve pirates, some of whom moved about without arms.

While the injured man was conveyed to Blake Pier, where an ambulance was waiting to take him to the Government Civil Hospital, a rigid control was maintained by the police investigators of the movements of all persons on board.

Passengers were closely searched about by police officers, and it would appear that all the Chinese on the Hirundo were being subjected to close interrogation.

Pantryboy's Experience.

Very little of the actual piracy could be told by Nya Mok-hin, a pantryboy, who was on the main deck washing clothes at the time the pirates made their appearance.

They came up from below just after two shots had been heard, and made for the spot where the pantryboy was in company with a number of Chinese passengers.

On the appearance of the pirates, some of whom were armed, the passengers took fright and began to scatter, but the pirates shouted to them that if they did not remain where they were, they would be shot.

A Hungry Gang.

The pantryboy was then bundled into the pantry, where five or six other Chinese were already locked up, and they all stayed there until after the departure of the pirates at daylight to-day.

Shortly afterwards, the wounded steward was taken down the gangway into one of the police launches, but the fact that he was able to sit and reply to a few questions put to him by a Telegraph representative showed that he was not in a very bad way.

He had received two wounds, one in the left shoulder, from which the bullet had been extracted, and the other a clean flesh wound in the upper part of his left arm.

The No. 1 compradore who was

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NO PEACE TALKS  
YET HELD.

CHANG HSUEH-LIANG  
KEPT BUSY.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE  
CONTEMPLATED.

PLENARY SESSION.

Nanking, Nov. 12. No official conference between Chang Hsueh-liang and Chiang Kai-shek, which are to be taken up soon, will concern national defence, the reorganisation of the Kuomintang and Shansi troops and possible changes in the personnel of the National Government.

It is predicted in ordinarily well-informed circles that the Ministers for War, Finance, Foreign Affairs, and Railways and Communications will remain unchanged, but it is reported that new men will probably be appointed to the portfolios of Education, Home Affairs, Agriculture and Mines.

It is also suggested that Yu Yuen will be appointed head either of the Executive or of the Control Yuan.

On the military side it appears likely that the two leaders will agree that part of the Kuomintang shall be reorganised and distributed in various parts of the country for bandit suppression.

Chang Hsueh-liang may undertake the reorganisation of the Shansi troops, and it is reported that he may remain in Nanking for a fortnight. —Reuter.

CHINA'S INTERNAL  
PROBLEMS.

"AGENDA" IN CHANG-CHIANG  
CONVERSATIONS.

MINISTRY CHANGES.

Nanking, Nov. 13. It is generally believed that the outstanding issues for discussion between Chang Hsueh-liang and Chiang Kai-shek, which are to be taken up soon, will concern the

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CONFERENCEKING'S SPEECH AT A HISTORIC  
MEETING.

## PRINCES' LOYALTY.

London, Nov. 12. The immense importance attached to the Indian Round Table Conference is apparent in to-day's papers, which publish explanatory articles on the matter, also leaders on the significance of the occasion.

An undercurrent of optimism reveals itself, although the difficulties are not discounted.

When the King, Emperor, surrounded by his Ministers, the Princes of India, ex-Viceroy, ex-Governors of Provinces in India, and representatives of almost all shades of political thought at home and in India, took his seat on the throne in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords, he opened the second conference of world-wide importance which he has inaugurated this year.

To-day's proceedings followed largely the lines of the Naval Conference opened in January. The King, as then, delivered a historic speech before a silver microphone, which conveyed his words to the uttermost parts of the earth. Gramophone records were also taken, to be rushed out to India by air mail and completed at works in Calcutta, then distributed all over India to enable Indians to hear their Emperor's voice.

## THE KING'S SPEECH.

A Statesmanlike Summary  
of the Issues.

The King's speech on the opening of the Round Table Conference was as follows:

"It affords me much satisfaction to welcome to the capital of my Empire representatives of the Princes, Chiefs and people of India, and to inaugurate their conference with my Ministers and representatives of other parties composing Parliament, in whose precincts we are assembled.

More than once, a sovereign has summoned historic assemblies on the soil of India, but never before have British and Indian statesmen and rulers of Indian States met as you now meet, in one place, and round one table, to discuss a future system of government for India, and to seek agreement, for the guidance of my Parliament as to the foundations upon which it must stand.

Nearly ten years ago, in a message to my Indian Legislature, I dwelt upon the significance of its establishment in the constitutional progress of India. Ten years is but a brief span in the life of any nation, but this decade has witnessed, not only in India but throughout all the nations forming the British Commonwealth, a quickening and growth in ideas and aspirations of nationhood which defy the customary measurement of time. It should therefore be no matter of surprise to men in this generation that it was then contemplated that it should have become necessary to estimate and review the results of what was begun ten years ago, and make further provision for the future.

## The Statutory Commission.

Such a review has lately been carried out by a Statutory Commission appointed by me for that purpose, and you have before you the outcome of their labours, together with other contributions which have been, or can be made to a solution of the great problem confronting you. No words of mine are needed to bring home to you the momentous character of the task to which you have set your hands.

Each one of you will, with me, be profoundly conscious how much depends for the whole British Commonwealth on the issue of your consultations. This community of interests leads me to count it as a happy augury that there should

be present to-day representatives of my Government in all the sister States of the Commonwealth. I shall follow the course of your proceedings with the closest and most sympathetic interest, not indeed without anxiety, but with a greater confidence.

## The Claims of All.

The material conditions which surround the lives of my subjects in India affects me nearly, and will be ever present in your thoughts during the forthcoming deliberations. I have also in mind the just claims of the majorities and minorities, men and women, town dwellers and tillers of the soil, landlords and tenants, strong and weak, rich and poor, of the races, castes and creeds of which the body politic is composed.

For these things I care deeply. I cannot doubt that the true foundation of self-government is a fusion of such divergent claims into mutual obligations, and in their recognition and fulfilment. It is my hope that the future Government of India, based on this foundation, will give expression to her honourable aspirations. May your discussion point the way to a sure achievement of this end, and may your names go down in history as those of men who served India well, and whose endeavours advanced the happiness and prosperity of all my beloved people. I pray that Providence may grant you in bounteous measure, wisdom, patience and goodwill."

## THE PREMIER SPEAKS.

"Responsibility Lies Heavily  
On Us All."

After the King's speech, the Maharajah of Patiala, the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, proposed the appointment of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald as chairman. The Maharajah of Patiala assured Mr. MacDonald of the heartiest co-operation of the Indian States.

The Aga Khan seconded this.

Mr. MacDonald then addressed the gathering, and said:

"Responsibility lies heavily on us all. We are now at the very birth of new history."

He recalled the periodic declarations of British sovereigns and statesmen that Great Britain's work in India was to prepare India for self-government. "We meet to try and register, by agreement, our recognition of the fact that India has reached a distinctive point in her constitutional evolution."

He emphasised that stubborn diversities of view had still to be

brought together, and conflicting interests that hitherto had proved irreconcilable.

Mr. MacDonald urged the conference to meet the problems of men determined to surmount them. "Why not?" What problem of growth and development in liberty and institutions have our people not faced, and united, we remain despite all our diversities because of our skill in harmonising differences by reasonable mutual accommodation."

## A Bond of Union.

The Premier said His Majesty's presence enabled them to understand the strength and flexibility of the bond binding a whole

commonwealth of nations together in loyalty and devotion to the Crown. "The attendance of representatives of the Dominion Governments is an earnest of the interest and goodwill with which the sister states of the Commonwealth of Nations will follow our labours."

He declared that the association of Indian Princes for the first time in joint conclave with representatives of the people of British India was symbolic of the gradual

moulding together of India into one whole.

As regards the representatives of British India, Mr. MacDonald said he was mindful of their different communities, languages

and interests, but was reminded

still more of the quickening of

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Mr. MacDonald also emphasised the presence of representatives of all three parties in the British Parliament; but, apart from all these things, he stressed the "simple fact that we have come here to sit at one table with the set and sole purpose of India's advancement within the commonwealth, in itself an undeniable sign of progress towards that end."

He concluded with an appeal to make the conference "worthy of the best political genius of our peoples."

## THE INDIAN PRINCES.

Loyalty to the Crown and to  
Their Countrymen.

The Gaekwar of Baroda said he doubted if ever before those historic precincts had been the scene of such a conference, on issues involving the prosperity and contentment of India's millions and the greatness of the British Empire.

The Maharaja Jammu of Kashmir declared that the Princes, as allies of Britain, stand solidly by the British connexion. "As Indians, we stand as solidly as the rest of our countrymen for our land's enjoyment of a position of honour and equality in the British commonwealth of nations."

Sir Muhammad Akbar Hydari, representing the Nizam of Hyderabad, declared—"No hand shall sever the tie binding the Princes to the Crown." At the same time, the Indian States were ready to work harmoniously with the people of British India, "for a greater and united India."

Mr. S. Sastri (Hindu) said—

"Above all, the vision of India as a whole must shine brightly in our hearts, and her strength and prosperity must be a sovereign consideration governing all our plans."

Mr. Jinnah (Moslem) emphasised that India now expected the translation of fulfilment into action of the declaration by the Viceroy on October 31 that, by the declaration of 1917, the natural issue of India's constitutional progress was the attainment of Dominion Status. Mr. Jinnah expressed pleasure at the presence of representatives of the Dominions. He said:

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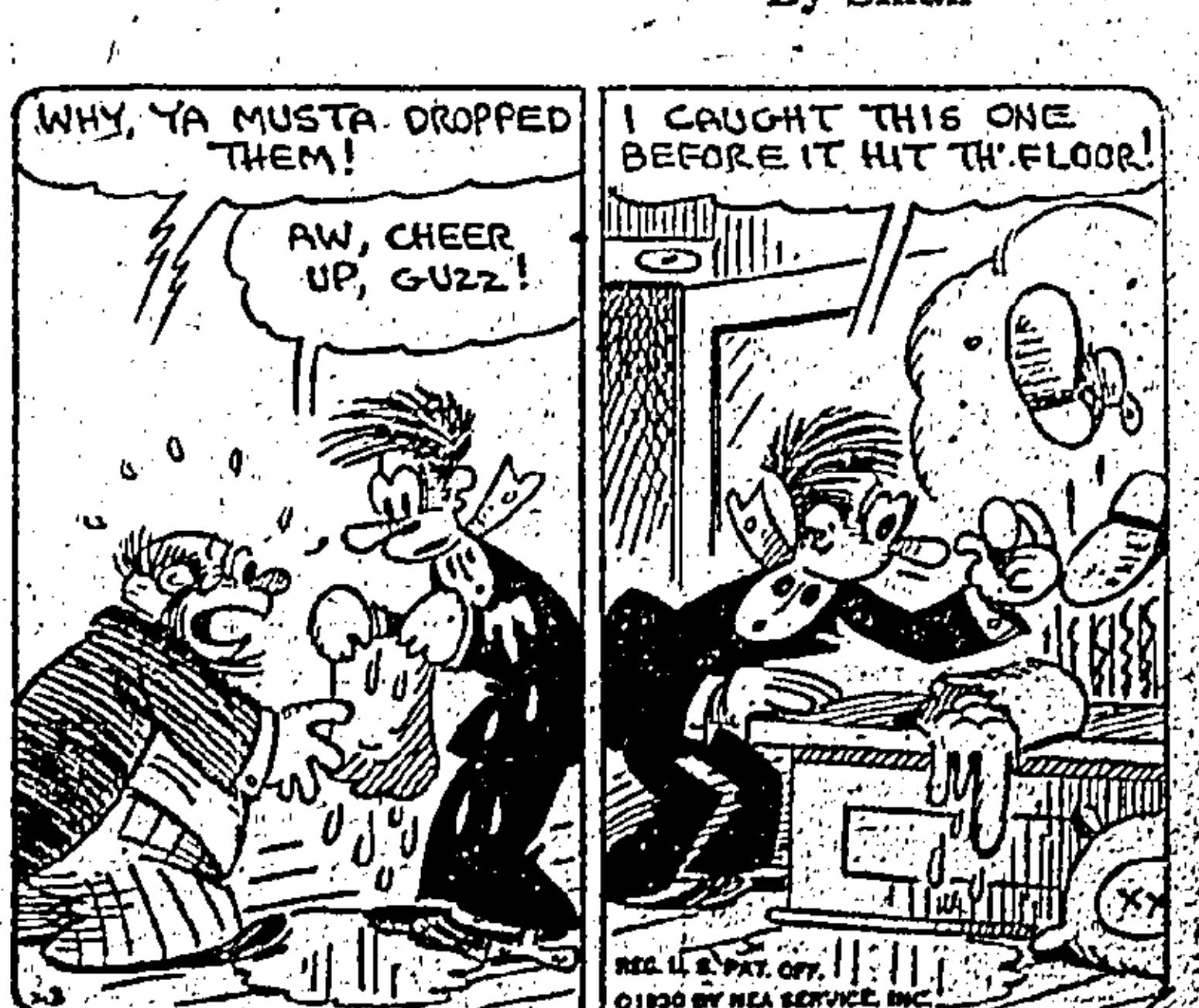
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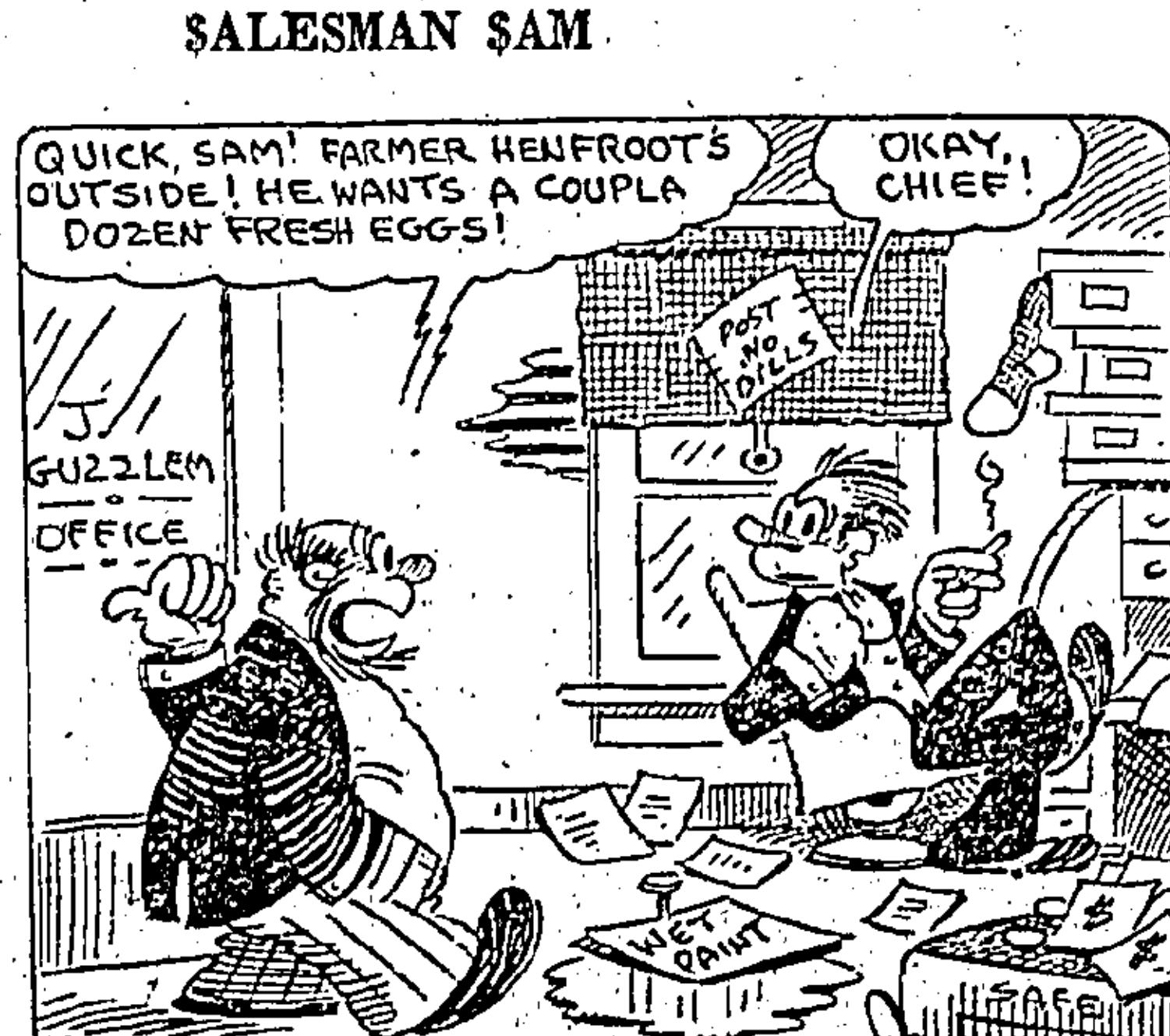
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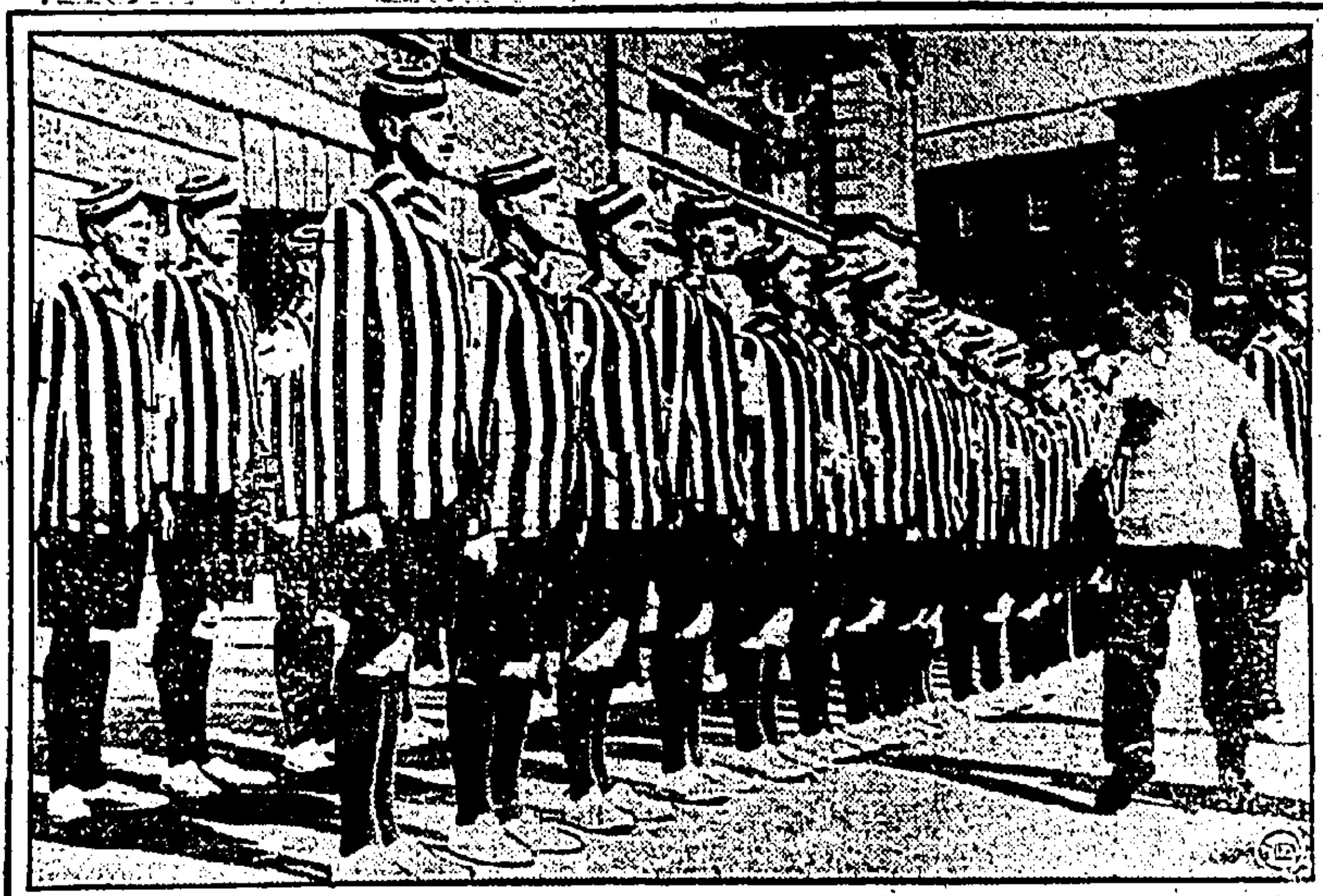
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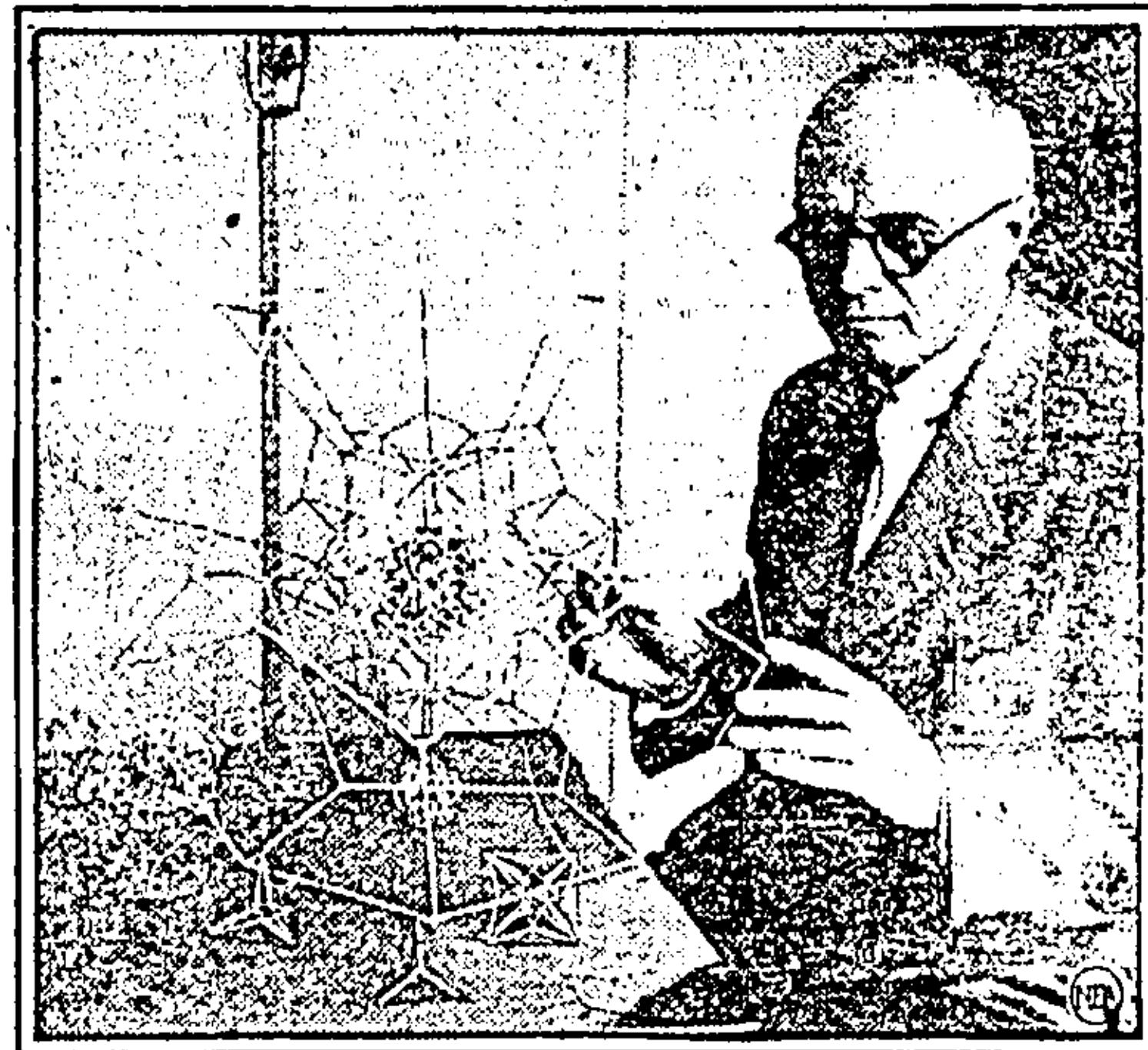
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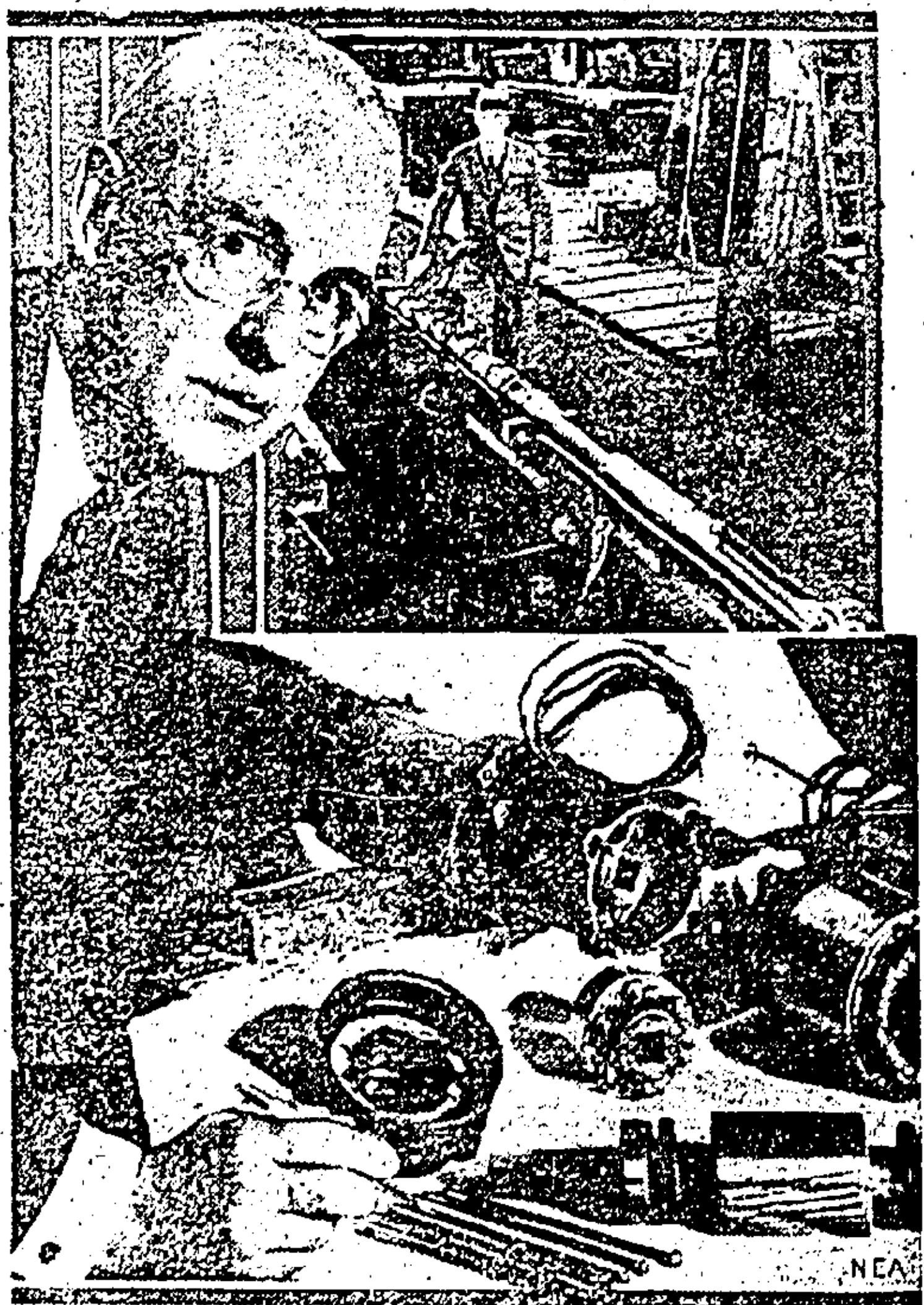
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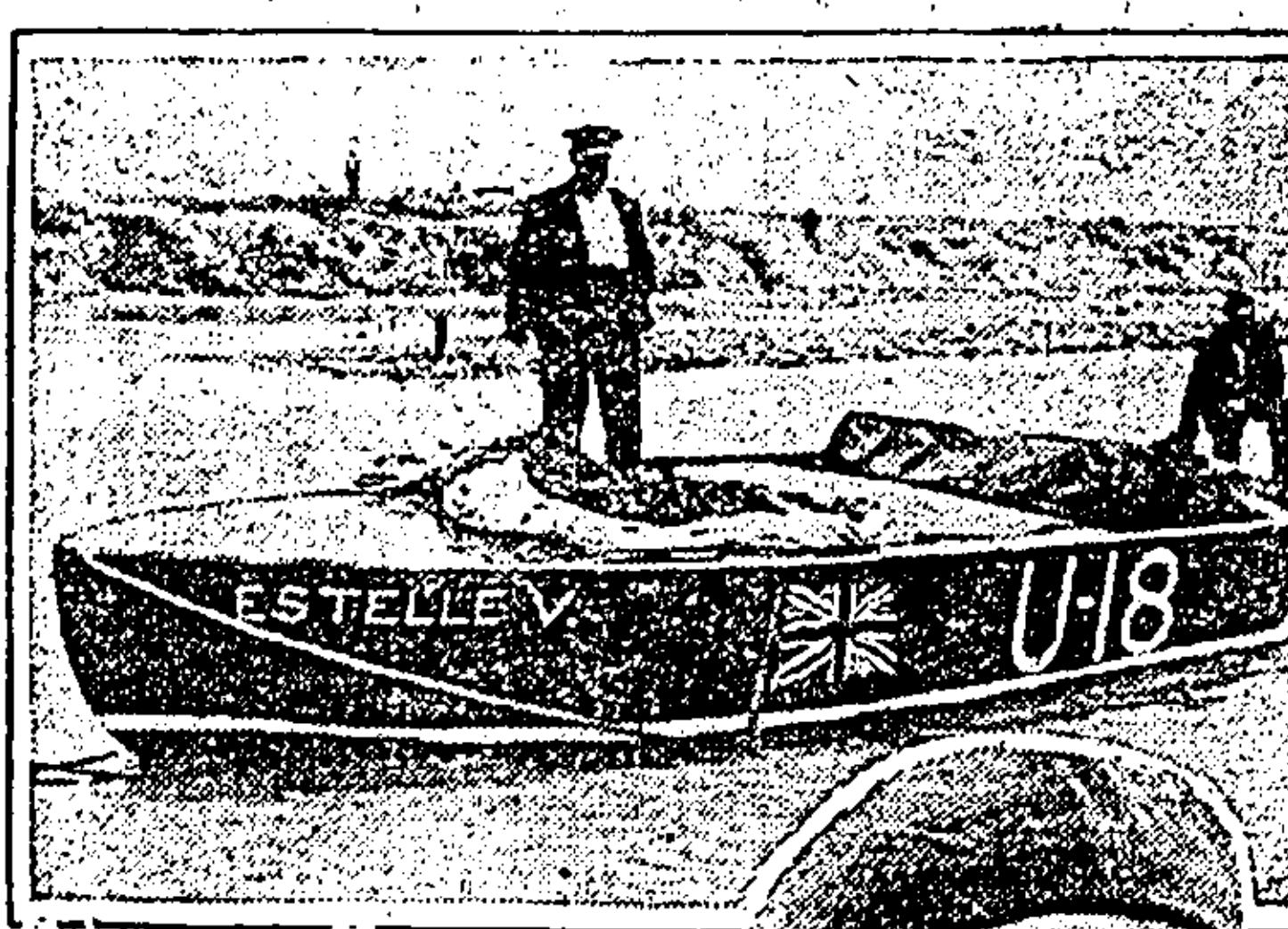
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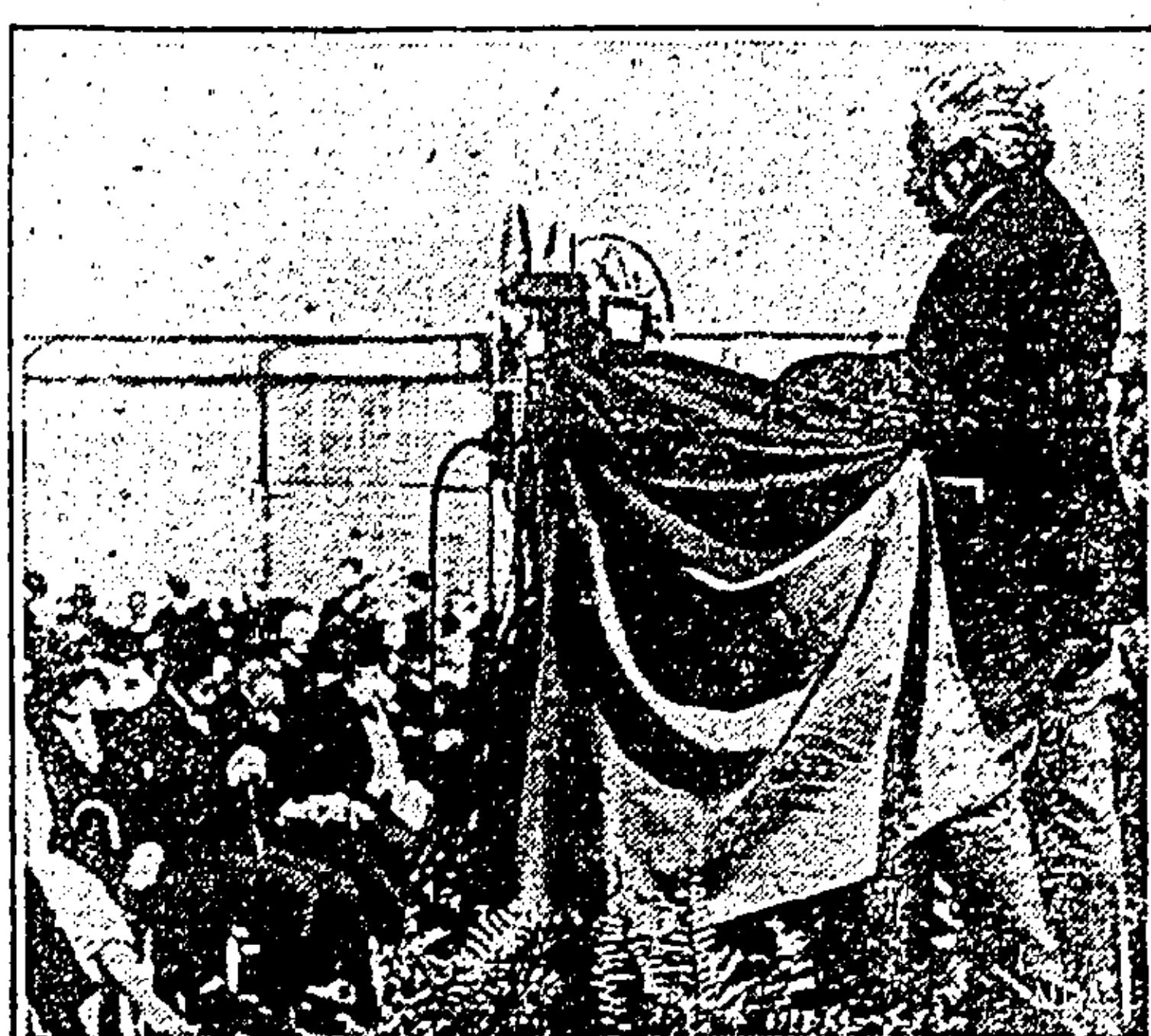
Distinguished guests of Kissingen are presented with a "goblet of honor"—a brimming bumper of wine. President von Hindenburg is seen, draining his goblet on his arrival at Kissingen to witness manoeuvres of German troops.



Mr. Jabin Hsu, Senior Secretary of Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour at Shanghai.



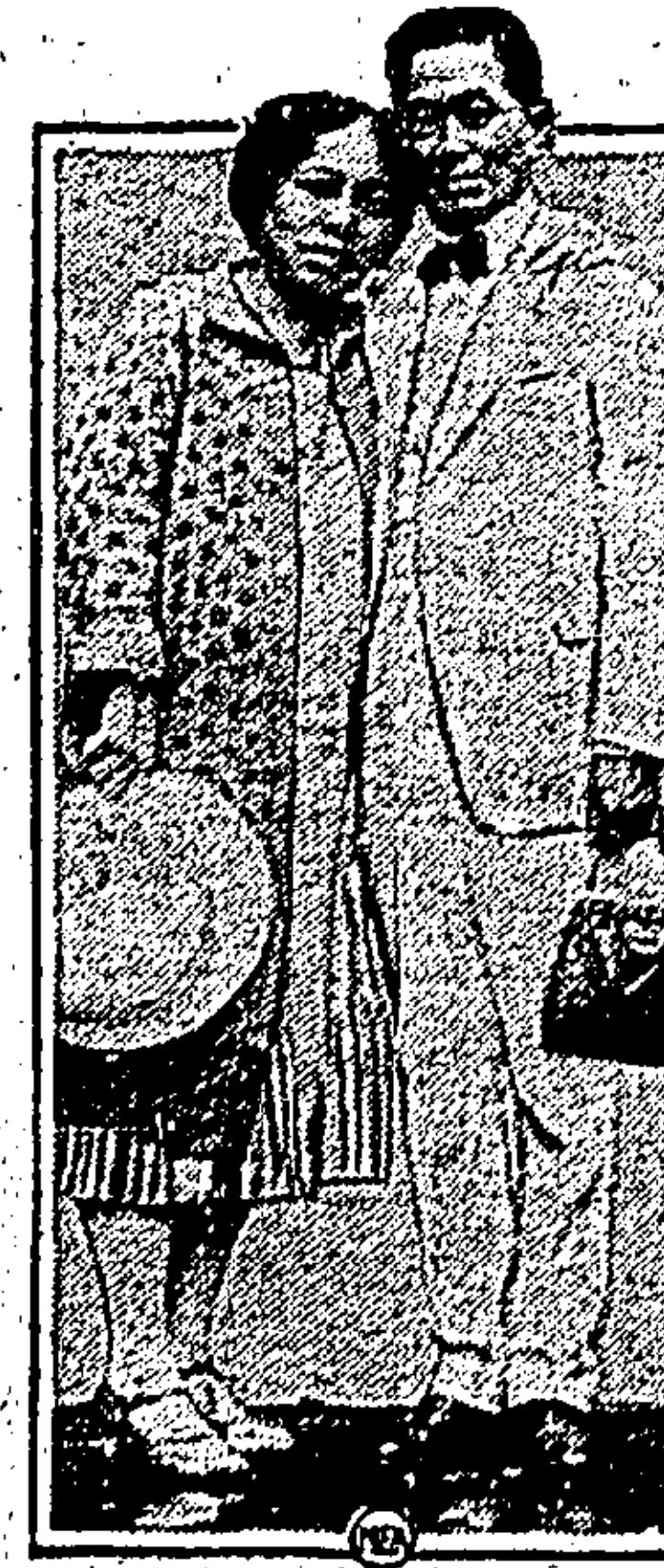
Miss Betty Carsairs, above, with her motor-boat Estelle V. hopes to achieve 100 miles an hour in a coming race with Gar Wood, the well-known American speedboat king.



Professor Einstein, the famous mathematician, is shown at the recent Berlin wireless show extolling the wonders of wireless in a broadcast address.



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Emilio Aguinaldo, leader of the Philippine insurrection of 30 years ago, is shown above with his newly made bride.



Miss Marcelle Alzieu became the bride of Mr. Benny Bazil at the French Church in Shanghai recently. Mr. Bazil is with the French Tramways and both he and his bride are very popular in the French community.

## Advice to the Weather Wise

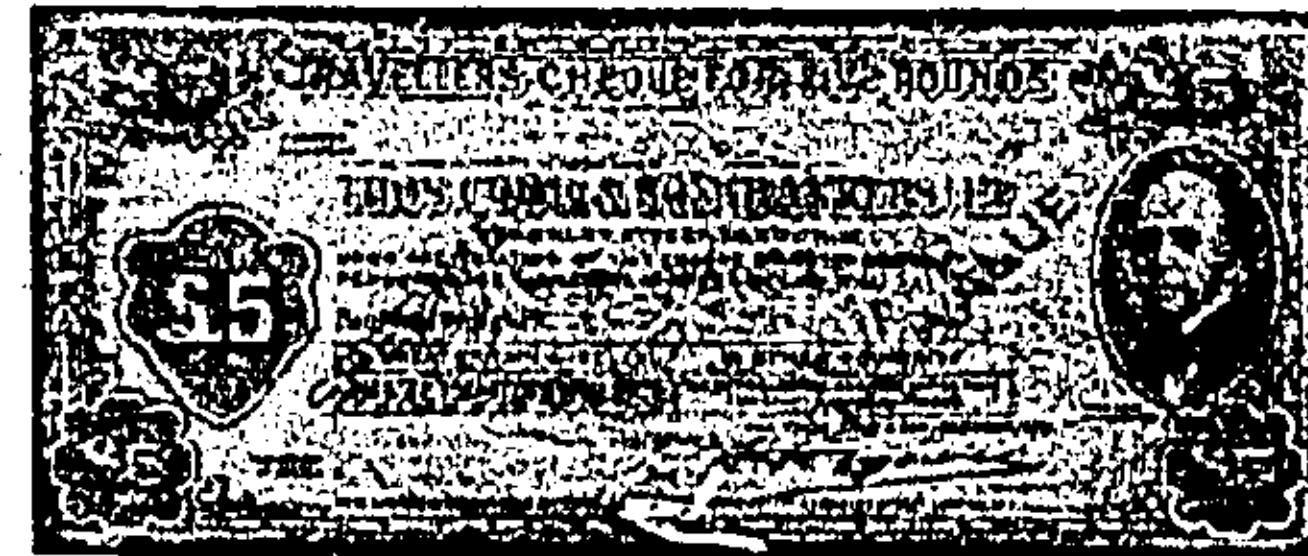
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H. K. Electrics, \$80 1/2 b.

Macau Electrics, \$25 n.

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China Buses, Tls. 18 1/2 n.

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China Sugars, 70 cts. b.

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MARTIN.—On November 12th, at  
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(still-born).

### The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13. 1930.

### EMPIRE TRADE.

Whilst many issues of vital concern have been raised at the Imperial Conference, which concludes its meetings to-morrow, public interest has, perhaps quite naturally, been mostly centred on the discussions which have taken place with regard to means of developing inter-Imperial trade. We should soon be made acquainted with the conclusions of the Conference on this question. Whatever they are, these are hardly likely to involve any change in the fiscal policy of the Mother Country, since from the start the Government has made it clear that it cannot consent to any scheme which will involve the taxation of the country's food supplies. The Empire Free Trade scheme, of which so much has been heard, involves food taxation, but, apart altogether from the British Government's attitude thereto, it has been made abundantly clear that the Dominions could not be induced to accept it. Mr. Bennett, the Canadian Premier, has declared that this policy is neither desirable nor possible; Mr. Havenga, the South African Finance Minister, has asserted that the Union is not prepared and cannot afford to subscribe to Empire Free Trade; whilst Mr. Scullin has indicated that his trust is placed in Imperial Preference.

Mr. Bennett's offer to the Mother Country was made a great deal of at the time it was put forward, but closer analysis seems to have led many of its advocates to have their doubts on its real value. One of the Canadian papers, we notice, has described the offer as a fraud and "a horse-trading bargain," whilst another remarks that Mr. Bennett, having been so specific in instructing Great Britain in its duty to Canada, might have been less general in indicating what Canada would give in return. For a time, there appears to have been considerable doubt at Home as to the precise nature of Mr. Bennett's proposals, especially that part which spoke of a ten per cent. increase in prevailing general tariffs or upon tariffs yet to be created. At first sight, most people took this to imply that where, for instance, the Canadian

tariff on non-British goods was 30 per cent. *ad valorem*, it would be raised to 40 per cent., the lower British rate remaining unchanged. It has since been shown, however, that this view is wrong. The proposal meant that the General Tariff should be increased not by ten points, but by 10 per cent. of the previous rate. To take an example, the present duty on electric light fixtures of British origin is 20 per cent.; the general tariff is 30 per cent. By Mr. Bennett's proposal, the general tariff would be raised to 33 per cent., thus increasing the margin in favour of British goods from 10 to 13 points; not from 10 to 20. An additional margin of three points might, of course, be a decisive factor where price competition is extremely keen, but the official interpretation of the offer makes it a good deal less attractive than the first popular reading of it. That, of course, is altogether apart from the other considerations which could be quoted to show that the scheme, if adopted, would not be in the best interests of the Mother Country.

It seems likely, however, that from the Conference will emerge other and less controversial methods of improving inter-Imperial trade than by tariff changes which might engender endless jealousy and friction between various parts of the Empire and provoke growing hostility in the outside world, from which so much of our trade is derived. The nature of these measures will be divulged without delay, and we may hope and believe that, based on common agreement, they will fulfil the purposes for which they are intended.

### That Silver Loan.

One of these days, suddenly, it will dawn on the minds of the American sponsors of an international loan of several million ounces of silver to China that the opinion of responsible Chinese leaders, and possibly of the countries whose names have been linked with the project, might provide some very important considerations. We commented upon the peculiar nature of the proposals when Judge Paul Linebarger had his say, and further explanations by Senator Key Pittman have merely added to our bewilderment. After the experience of the Judge, and the very clear statement on the point of foreign loans by Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nanking Minister of Finance, it was assumed that the matter would be quietly dropped—the least said about it the better sort of thing. But nothing of the kind is contemplated, according to latest advices from Washington, which record Senator Pittman as saying that the Senate Committee on International Relations, which has been studying Far Eastern trade conditions, still looks with favour upon an international pool to make a huge silver loan to China. And apparently it will take a great deal to deter them. The agreement, says Senator Pittman, would probably have to contain provisions that would bring the four dominant war lords into the National Government to participate in the administration of the international fund. It would have appeared more reasonable to talk of preventing their participation in the administration of the fund, but be that as it may, if it is so easy a method of bringing peace to China, it is extraordinary that no-one thought of it before. Mr. Pittman is of opinion that an increase in the value of silver would result from a huge addition to China's glut of the metal, because it would result in the immediate pacification of China. The reluctance to drop the plan is perhaps to be understood if this is a considered view.

The Royal Army Service Corps are holding their third Dance of the Season on Friday, 21st inst., at Wellington Barracks Hall, commencing at 8.30 p.m. The music will be supplied by the jazz band of H.M.S. Berwick, which earned great popularity recently for its performances on ships in the Atlantic Fleet, prior to its members commissioning in H.M.S. Berwick.

### DAY BY DAY

MY PRECEPT TO ALL WHO BUILD IS,  
THAT THE OWNER SHOULD BE AN  
ORNAMENT TO THE HOUSE, AND NOT  
THE HOUSE TO THE OWNER.—Cicero.

It is notified that a small quantity of fireworks and small arms ammunition will be fired for proof purposes at Stonecutters Rife Range on the morning of November 17.

The Hongkong Civil Service List for 1930 is to hand from the printers, Messrs. Norroha & Co. This is the twenty-sixth issue and a fat volume. Exactly half of it is devoted to records of the public service of officers.

We have received from the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, of the Diocesan Schools and Orphanages, a long list of donations which he has received and wishes to acknowledge. The total amount received was \$3,135.60.

A fine of \$960, or five months' imprisonment, was imposed on a Chinese woman by Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant was charged by Revenue Officer Talton with possession of 32 tales of raw opium at the Kowloon-Canton railway station.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, before Mr. Butters, this morning, a Chinese woman was charged with having kept an unregistered *mut-sai* and with having ill-treated her. Mr. F. C. Rendall appeared for the defendant and pleaded not guilty. The case was fixed for November 18. The defendant was granted bail in \$250 cash and \$250 security.

### TOBACCO SMUGGLING NUISANCE.

### WOMEN SAID TO BE WORST OFFENDERS.

Considerable trouble is being caused to the Revenue Department by constant attempts to smuggle illicit goods into the Colony from Nam Tau, and, as a result, extra revenue officers have had to be put on duty at the wharves to search passengers arriving by launches.

It is the women particularly who are becoming a nuisance to the authorities by trying to smuggle dutiable tobacco which they usually conceal very cleverly.

When one female passenger, who was arrested yesterday, appeared

before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning, his Worship imposed a fine of \$50.

A similar fine was passed on a man who was found with a quantity of dutiable tobacco concealed in his bedding, which he was carrying off one of the wharves on the waterfront.

### DOROTHY BLACK on the QUEER MEN WOMEN LIKE.

There was a lot to be said for Bluebeard. He had the hallmark of feminine approval. Captain Murderer, the immortal figure of Dickens's, "Nursemaids," was another of these fascinating gentlemen who never had a dull moment. Even his name was no deterrent to his many admirers, and when he had made the pie and added the garnish, and eaten it all up and picked the bones, there was always another lady ready and willing, in spite of everything, to be his.

They have had many disciples in real life. Women like that kind of man, as they do, and always will, like the most remarkable type of men. It's a strange way we have, and a handicap that will always be ours in public life.

I once saw a crowd of women busy with a reprieved murderer, and it was a disgusting sight. He was as poor and mean and flabby a little man as you would meet in a day's march anywhere. He had not even that hallmark of the really good-class murderer—magnetic eyes. If he had been bringing up the coal for any of them they would have been offhand, and probably slightly rude to him. As it was, they pelted him with flowers.

Can we wonder that modern manhood and its achievement are nothing to wave flags about at the moment, when we have on every hand these manifestations of what women really like?

Once it was courage and strength that were extolled. Only the brave and the strong deserved the fair.

We do not care much about those things any more. We worship agility and speed. Agility and speed of toe, or at cutting throats, or at eluding the hangman's noose or another man's boxing glove.

It doesn't matter much what, apparently. We are tickled to death by men who hit soft balls very hard here and there, and jump smiling over tennis nets to grip their vanquished opponent by the hand. We are all taken up with those handsome men in clean white flannels who hit another kind of ball often and hard, and run very fast up and down a carefully prepared piece of grass. Or the men who hurtle round an asphalt track in a motor-car much faster than any other men.

You can gather a crowd any day with a film star far larger than you can for a victory. But a good murderer has an even wider appeal, especially if he has magnetic eyes. Murder is becoming quite a popular handicraft to-day, and the man who is caught out disposing of his sixth wife will never lack a seventh should he manage to wriggle out of the predicament. When all London went mad over a not very cultured, not particularly good-looking, not

### S.L.I. FAREWELL FUNCTIONS.

### DANCE ON SATURDAY: BAND CONCERT SUNDAY.

The Somerset Light Infantry are leaving the Colony on November 26 according to present arrangements, and several farewell functions are being arranged.

An invitation is extended to a farewell dance to be given by "B" Company on Saturday at the Garrison Lecture Hall at Wellington Barracks, the music to be provided by the Dance Orchestra of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

On Sunday, the band of the battalion will give a grand farewell concert (weather permitting) at Wellington Barracks, commencing at 8.0 p.m. A special programme is being arranged and refreshments will be obtainable.



## CHINESE SOCCER SUSPENSIONS.

## QUESTION AGAIN BEFORE H.K.F.A. COUNCIL.

## NO NEW ACTION.

The case concerning the two Chinese players, who were suspended for infringement of their amateur status, was again discussed by a meeting of the Football Council yesterday evening, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Ormiston.

Mr. R. K. Duncan queried why the Chinese Athletic Association did not field teams for the League fixtures during the last two Saturdays, and Mr. G. T. May, replying, said that letter had been received from the Club in question giving certain reasons and the Committee could not question the bona fides of these.

The meeting eventually passed a resolution authorising that a fuller explanation be demanded by the Council for those reasons which the Chinese Athletic said had prevented them from fielding teams, in fairness to the other clubs.

The Chairman gave a review of the proceedings at the hearing by the Appeals Board on Wednesday, October 29, of the appeal against the suspensions of two Athletic players, as follows:

At the invitation of the Chairman, the case was opened by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, whose statement read in part:

"While admitting an offence under Rule 12 of the Association Rules, the appellants deny most emphatically that they have ever violated Rule 29 of the Rules of the English Association in letter or spirit.

The grounds of appeal are, firstly, that no fair trial has been given, and secondly, that a wrong construction has been placed on the acts of which complaint has been made.

"Wrong Construction."

The second ground for appeal is that a wrong construction has been placed on the acts of which complaint has been made. *Mala fide* has been attached where the benefit of the doubt could very well have been given.

The appellants admit that on joining the team they were given \$2 a day as travelling expenses and having \$150 to buy football gear, a blazer and a dress suit. It has been suggested by Mr. Duncan that the \$150 was in the nature of a grant. It is my contention that these sums of money were never given in the nature of grants nor was their receipt considered in such a nature. I wish to make it clear that \$2 a day were provided for the payment of any travelling expenses which might be incurred while on shore and for no other purpose. Every cent of that money had to be accounted for and a signed statement of how the money was spent had to be given. I had a copy of this statement for your perusal.

The \$150 in question were provided for the express purpose of purchasing football gear, a blazer and a dress suit. Considering the low purchasing value of the dollar at the present moment, this sum cannot be considered excessive and is hopelessly mercenary when compared with the sum of £550 which an Australian cricketer receives for a tour of England.

This sum of \$150 was ear-marked for a specific purpose and again, as in the case of the two dollars travelling expenses, every cent had to be accounted for. If there was anything left after the purchase of the several objects, which are the property of the Club and are to be returned when demanded, the balance was to be returned to the Club. They only act as an agent of the Club for the purpose of these articles.

Question of Status.

I submit, gentlemen, that there is nothing in these acts on the part of the appellants to point to, as "professionalism." Only to a very suspicious mind could any such allegation seem possible. It seems to me that the Emergency Committee must have been extremely prejudiced against the appellants to have taken the interpretation they have regarding these acts. The grounds I have placed before you, I submit, are good and sufficient reasons for allowing the appeal and for reconsidering the question of punishment.

The appellants have now been suspended for three weeks, and I am asking you to consider that sufficient punishment has already been administered and that such suspension shall be removed."

Mr. Duncan read his statement reciting the full facts of the tour and its abandonment, made at the Appeal Board meeting.

Rules Can Be Altered.

Mr. Ormiston, addressing the Appeals Board, said, in part:—

"I believe I am correct in stating that it is not the Council's desire that they should be suspended indefinitely, but the only manner in which they may be reinstated, assuming that they uphold the decision of the Council, is to alter our Rules to enable us to reinstate the appellants. Under Clause 10 of the Rules governing the Hongkong Football Association, alterations can only be made at the annual general meeting. The appellants, therefore, could not participate in amateur football during the present season. I believe Mr. Duncan has an alternative proposal to make in this connection which might expedite matters with regard to term of suspension."

Since the meeting of the Council on the 15th instant I have given the subject serious consideration and unless the appellants can place further evidence in their favour before you I am constrained to the opinion that under our existing Rules the Council could not have reached any other decision."

Yesterday's Decision.

Addressing yesterday's Council meeting, Mr. Ormiston referred to the letter written by Mr. M. K. Lo to the President of the Association (Mr. R. M. Dyer).

Following that, he said, a meeting was held in Mr. Dyer's office as a re-

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Soccer Suspensions.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

## RIDDLE FOR FUTURE.

Sir,—Having read to-day's issue of the *South China Morning Post* in which appears an article on the suspension of the two Chinese Athletic players, and, in particular, noting Mr. Duncan's report on my presence at the meeting of the Emergency Committee held on October 8th, I am forced to write and acquaint your readers with the fact that my presence there was most reluctantly allowed, it being put to me by Mr. Duncan at the time that the case was purely one between the players concerned and the Football Association and had nothing whatsoever to do with the Chinese Athletic Association. As the matter was of great importance to the C. A. A., the players under trial being prominent members of this Club, I asked permission to stay and represent them, which request was acceded to. Obeding the Chairman's order I kept quiet throughout the proceedings, but finding that the oral statements made by the two players gave nothing for the Association to convict, I asked permission from the meeting to allow them to play for the Club the following Saturday, as we were short of players.

Mr. Duncan replied that they could not do so at the moment as they had to consider the case but would let me know the next day, when I was surprised to receive a letter from the Hon. Secretary informing me that the players concerned had been suspended for life, it being alleged that they had violated Rule 12 of the H.K.F.A. and 29 of the E.F.A.

I was not satisfied with the decision and made an appeal to the Council, but the decision was sustained for reasons unknown to me. I then asked for the statements written out by Mr. Duncan and purporting to contain the exact remarks made by the two players and found that they did not bear a true interpretation of what these players had actually stated.

If these statements written by Mr. Duncan had only been read out to the players whilst the case was being tried on October 8th, and their signatures secured to them as being entirely correct, the decision to suspend would have been justified and would have no grounds whatsoever for complaint, but the fact is that the Emergency Committee have charged these players on the strength of statements alleged to have been made by the latter but which actually were written down by the Emergency Committee more or less as they pleased. I have no hesitation whatever in stating that had these statements been read out to the players and correctly interpreted to them, that they would have refused to sign you, please."

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I also wish to say that the Council Meeting held subsequently to the Emergency Committee meeting, that neither the players nor a representative of the C. A. A. were present and I believe the decision to suspend was sustained merely on the strength of Mr. Duncan's remarks, there being no chance for the defence to conduct their case.

Inasmuch as the decision arrived at by the Football Association here was based on the statements written out by Mr. Duncan and which the players under trial would undoubtedly have refused to admit as being correct if the contents had wholly been known to them, I submit that the attitude adopted by the governing body all along has been an arbitrary one.—Yours etc.

J. LEE.

Hon. Football Manager

Chinese Athletic Association.

sult of which it was decided to cable in the English Football Association in the matter, the cable reading as follows:

"Reference Chinese Soccer touring team this Association has decided after due trial that players having accepted sum of money have unwittingly forfeited amateur status. This means they cannot again play in Hongkong as all competitions here are amateur. Will you allow us to make new rule to reinstate them as amateurs after adequate terms of suspension?"

As our decision has caused considerable trouble amongst Chinese Clubs please cable reply as soon as possible."

The Chairman said that no reply has been received to this cable, and the matter must consequently be left at that for the time being.

Continuing, the Chairman said that it was clearly understood by all present that the meeting in Mr. Dyer's office was quite informal and he understood Mr. Lo's letter was regarded as a private communication to Mr. Dyer. He may, however, be wrong in this respect. He was surprised that it has since been published in the press, by whose permission he did not know. He felt that it should have been withheld from publication until they were in a position to reply to it. This could not be done until they received a reply to the cable and Mr. Kotewall's return to the Colony. In the circumstances he thought the Council would agree that they had done their utmost in the interests of the appellants. The position created was most unfortunate and regrettable.

Mr. J. W. Baldwin moved a vote of confidence in the Emergency Committee. This was seconded by Capt. Deacon and carried.

## THE EXILE OF EROS.

## ITS RETURN AN EVENT IN HISTORY.

## RIDDLE FOR FUTURE.

Some day, about the time when newspapers begin to record the deaths of the last long-lived veterans of the Great War, an unfamiliar statue will arise in Piccadilly. "What's this?" will ask the public. "Who put that there?" will demand the Press. "Mystery Statue Comes to London."

Experts, having examined the bronze cast, will certify the work to be Nineteenth or possibly Twentieth Century, and Burlington House will suggest that the sculptor—believed not to be Epstein—undoubtedly drew on the mythology of the Greeks. Then, within a day or two, a letter signed "Nonagenarian" will be printed affirming that the correspondent vaguely recalls seeing as a boy a similar statue in the Circus, known (if memory is faithful) as Eros.

After that, events will move fast, and it will be established that Westminster City Council, together with the L.C.C. and certain other cherished old institutions of the capital, thinking to give London a huge surprise, are jocularly at the bottom of the whole affair.

## Lighting Legislators.

Everyone knows the fable of the boy who cried "Wolf," nobody took any notice of him in the end. So it is about Eros; every newspaper, on good official authority, has announced at least fifteen times in the last five years that Gilbert's handiwork is about to return. It would be tiresome to say so again, even were the "damnable iteration" true. But perhaps people still care to know how our great Deliberative Body, London's Lighting Legislators, are getting on.

Westminster City Council, the London County Council, the Ministry of Transport, the London Metropolitan Advisory Committee, the Commissioners of Crown Lands and the Underground Company, all have a frozen finger in the Piccadilly pie. The last three may be exonerated, having done their part, but the first four are still playing the trusty and archaic game of "passed to you, please."

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Then the Ministry of Transport admitted that there was a mistake. The Traffic Advisory Council had not been definitely satisfied with the lay-out. So some more experiments were conducted, and in this way, after a period of microscopic watching, they discovered they were—no—yes—they actually were, after all, really and truly quite satisfied. Eros—Eureka.

But nothing more seemed to happen. Seeking the cause of the inactivity, the London County Council, Scotland Yard, and any other appealed to courteously referred me to Westminster City Council; and they are, it is now clear, the prime, authentic Rip Van Winkles of the piece.

At first the Council refused information, then grew willing to vouchsafe a little, but with the instruction that they were not to be quoted as having said anything. Yet one sentence must be quoted for its utter sincerity and shining truth. "A point the Council has always attached great importance to," impressively declared this Deliberative Body, "is that they should not proceed too hastily."

## A "Rehearsal."

"It may still be some time before Eros is back?" I inquired. "Oh, yes," said the Council with simplicity.

Though the Transport Ministry states that the disposition of Piccadilly Circus is settled and approved, Westminster Council declares it is not. I warned the Department that the Council disagreed with them. "Well," said the Department, "even though the site of the island in the Circus has been determined, it has yet to be seen where the statue will go on the island."

Westminster Council is going to resolve this point by putting up a lath and canvas profile of the god. He will be tried, no doubt, in thirty-four different positions, and the six other interested parties invited to inspect each one of them at their leisure. Following that, the real figure will be fetched home—if anyone remembers where it is.

So I refuse to assert once more that Eros will shortly be back. Christmas, however, not being a matter within the jurisdiction of Westminster City Council, is definitely coming.—A Correspondent in the *Morning Post*.

## SANITARY BOARD.

## QUESTIONS REGARDING DISINFECTION.

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## SHAH'S LOAN.

London, Oct. 13. The crew of a ship which brought treasures worth over a million pounds from the Shah of Persia to London during the weekend thought that the cargo consisted chiefly of dates!

Only the officers knew that there was something of real value in the strong-room beneath the bridge.

The vessel, a tramp steamer, is now lying on the mud in the Thames near Rotherhithe, with dirty barges jostling her, and the black walls of warehouses encompassing her.

She crept up the river with nothing to indicate that she was of more importance than a score of other tramps from across the seas which came up with the tide. A cargo of dates and rye lay in her holds.

But the Baharistan was met by a guard of police at the Rotherhithe Wharf, to the astonishment of the men who were waiting to berth her.

They did not know that she contained treasures which the Shah of Persia had loaned for the International Exhibition of Persia Art at the Royal Academy in January.

Behind Sealed Doors.

I was on board the Baharistan yesterday, writes a Press representative, but there was no sign of the treasure. It was behind the sealed doors of the ship's strong room and the keys are kept by Captain Dodds.

Q. Is every care taken to ensure that no damage is done to the articles sent for disinfection?

A. Such articles as the Medical Officer of Health considers can be effectively disinfected without danger to the public health are disinfected with all due care.

Q. Is it known as a fact that articles of clothing, bedding, mattresses, etc., have been found to be destroyed or damaged when returned after disinfection, and is it likely this has been done during the process of disinfection?

A. The Medical Officer of Health is not aware of any instance.

Q. Have any complaints been made, or any claims for compensation been sent in for destroyed or damaged property?

A. The Medical Officer of Health does not recall having received any complaint or any claim for compensation.

Q. Is the process of disinfection carried out carefully and under experienced supervision?

A. Yes.

It was also mentioned by the Chairman that an application for an eating-house licence in an eating-house licence in a tea-shed on the roadside at the junction of Sai Kung Road and Wang Street, Kowloon City, had been refused, and that an application for the registration of No. 14 Essex Crescent, ground floor, Kowloon Tong, as a dairy, had been granted.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

## Previous Day. Yesterday.

Paris	123,635	123,665
Geneva	25,035	25,035
Berlin	20,385	20,385
Oslo	18,16	18,16
Helsingfors	193	193
Athens	375	375
Buenos Aires	38,11/16	38,11/16
Shanghai	1/7	1/7
New York	1,45,23/32	1,45,23/32
Amsterdam	12,065	12,065
Stockholm	18,115	18,115
Vienna	34,485	34,4712
Madrid	42,20	41,95
Bucharest	318	318
Montevideo	39%	39%
Hongkong	1,27,17/16	1,27,17/16
Brussels	34,825	34,825
Milan	32,795	32,785
Copenhagen	18,16	18,16
Prague	163%	163%
Lisbon	108,25	108,25
Rio	4,15/16	4,15/16
Bombay	1,45,25/32	1,45,25/32
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**SHIELD SOCCER.**

**DRAW FOR FORTHCOMING  
LOCAL MATCHES.**

Draws for the Shield Competition and International Charity Cup matches were carried out at a meeting of the Hongkong Football Association last evening.

The following were the results of the first round draws:

Senior Shield.

South Wales Borderers v. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, at Sookunpoo.

Kowloon v. Police, at Kowloon.

Junior Shield.

South Wales Borderers v. Police, at Sookunpoo.

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders v. Royal Navy, at Kowloon F.C.

Royal Artillery v. St. Joseph's, at Chatham Road.

Charity Cup.

Scotland v. England on Christmas Day.

China v. Portugal on Boxing Day.

Both matches to be played on the Club ground.

Armistice Day Receipts.

It was stated that gross receipts for the match played on Armistice Day between the Services and the Rest amounted to \$695. The meeting passed a resolution allocating the gross receipts to the Poppy Day Fund.

Following were the Committee appointed to take charge of the arrangements for the next Interport matches:

Mr. J. Ormiston, Captain Deacon and the following members of the Emergency Committee:—Messrs. H. K. Lee, R. K. Duncan and H. M. McTavish.

**HOCKEY.**

**HONGKONG CLUB'S TEAM TO  
MEET Y.M.C.A.**

The following have been selected to play for the Hongkong Hockey Club against the Y. M. C. A. at the club ground on Friday, at 5 p.m.:

R. W. Sapera, G. A. L. Plummer, T. R. Rowell, D. A. Rushton, M. G. Mills, B. L. Stock, S. J. H. Fox, Anderson, M. A. F. Kerrick, T. W. Southam, R. G. Edwards-Jones.

**Y. M. C. A. Teams.**

The following will represent the Y. M. C. A. against the Royal Corps of Signals at King's Park this afternoon. Bally-off 5.10 p.m.:—F. Cope, W. Stoker, A. Jackson, P. J. Lyon, R. A. Bates, W. H. Stonell, L. Tipple, L. Macay, W. H. Smith, W. Parker and H. Keyserling.

The following will play against the Somerset Light Infantry on Saturday

**LOCAL CRICKET.**

**R.A.S.C. DEFEAT R.E. BY  
FOUR RUNS.**

A very exciting game was played at Sookunpoo, yesterday afternoon, when the Royal Army Service Corps defeated the Royal Engineers by only four runs in a League fixture. The last Engineers' wicket fell to the last ball of the last over.

Batting first, the Service Corps knocked up 99, Driver Cole being top-scorer with 29. Private Mackay helped with 15 and Lance Corporal Simpson made 14. Extras totalled 23. Sergeant Harrison was in good form with the ball for the Engineers, his four wickets costing only four runs apiece.

Himbury had a good knock for the Engineers, making no fewer than 44 of his side's total of 95. He was sharping well and was very unfortunate to get out to the last ball of the last over. Simpson was the most successful bowler for the Service Corps, capturing four wickets for 20 runs.

**A DRAWN MATCH AT THE  
KOWLOON C.C.**

On Tuesday the Married members of the Kowloon Cricket Club did battle with their happier colleagues. The Benedictines batted first and made 185 for six wickets. W. Brace contributed a century not out and Geo. Lee 46. The Unfettered replied with 148 for three wickets, of which W. C. Hung made a bright 67.

**CIVIL SERVICE TEAMS.**

The following have been selected to represent the Civil Service C.C. on the home ground at 2 p.m., on Saturday, in a friendly match against the Garrison C.C.

E. B. Reed (Capt.), G. R. Sayer, K. H. Griffiths, F. Baker, B. D. Evans, F. J. Ling, J. E. Richardson, R. M. Wood, J. Barrow, D. R. Kelly, F. H. Holdman.

The C.S.C.C. 2nd team against the R.A.S.C., in a friendly match on the Sookunpoo ground, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, will be:

A. W. Grimmitt (Capt.), H. E. Strange, E. W. Hamilton, R. G. Robertson, J. F. McGowan, J. M. Wilson, A. E. Wood, F. E. Mathews, B. C. K. Hawkins, W. H. Edmunds, W. Harris-Walker, Reserves, J. Evans and R. R. Davies.

at King's Park:—T. Ingram, A. Tate, R. Dorrer, H. Keyserling, R. A. Bates, P. Lyon, L. Tipple, L. Macay, W. H. Smith, W. Parker and J. Smith.

For their friendly match with the H.K. Hockey Club reserves at King's Park to-morrow afternoon, the Y.M.C.A., will be represented by: F. Atyeo, C. F. Rees and H. Mundy; G. Mitchell, F. Allen and A. R. Brown; T. Tate, G. Kearns, T. Martin, F. Ashton and T. J. Price.

Troops Retake Tsinghsih.

Peking, Nov. 12.

The Government troops have retaken Tsinghsih, in Hunan, from the Reds, but the bandits are now threatening Yuhhsien, Chaling and Hengchow.—Reuter.

**CUBAN SUGAR SALES.**

**DECISION IN FAVOUR OF THE  
CHADBOURNE PLAN.**

New York, Nov. 12.

A message from Havana states that the Cuban House of Representatives, by 91 to 18, has passed for submission to the Senate a Bill to finance Mr. Chadbourne's \$42,000,000 plan to re-establish normal conditions in the Cuban sugar industry.—Reuter's American Service.

A Havana message of October 15 stated that President Machado had requested sugar producers throughout Cuba to co-operate in carrying out the plan of Mr. Chadbourne, the American sugar expert, whereby a million and a half tons of sugar will be placed in the hands of a single organisation, which will regulate its sale over a period of two or three years.]

**JUNIOR PING PONG  
LEAGUE.**

**FINAL TO BE DECIDED ON  
SATURDAY.**

Latest results of the above League are as follow:

Kangto School beat Hip Wah A.A. W.O.

Chinese A.A. beat Filipino Club 32 games to 3.

Commercial Press beat Ho Hong Bank 19 games to 16.

Ho Keung A.A. beat Hop Chee Club 27 games to 8.

Ho Hong Bank beat Indian R.C. 30 games to 6.

Chinese Catholic beat Hip Wah A.A. W.O.

Ho Hong Bank beat Nam Chung A.A. W.O.

Kangto School beat Hin Kuan School 20 games to 15.

Hop Chee Club beat Filipino Club W.O.

Nam Mo A.A. beat Nam Chung A.A. W.O.

All the matches have now been played off, and the Champions will be decided on Saturday evening, the 15th inst., at the Chinese Catholic Club, when the South China A.A. will meet the Ho Keung A.A.



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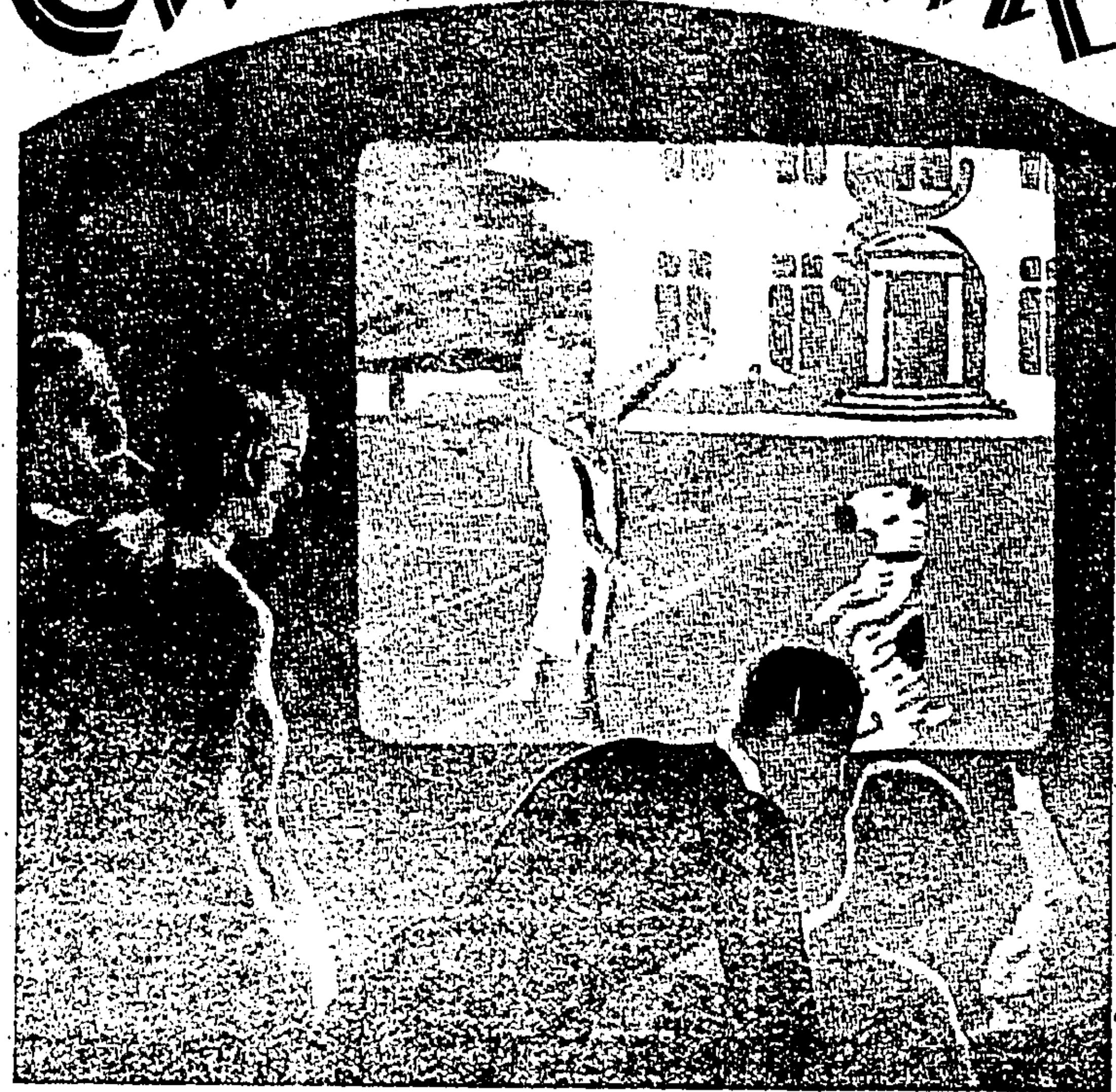
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### BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Celia Mitchell, 17, faces a new life when she leaves the home in Baltimore where she has lived with her widowed mother, Margaret. Her mother has joined her father, John Mitchell, and her grandmother in a stately New York dwelling.

The girl had not even known her father was living until the day he came to the house. He is a retired millionaire, a widower, Bob Brooks, her mother's second husband, to be her father. Mitchell offers the girl a life of wealth and immediate happiness that Mrs. Brooks, an ailing invalid, has never known.

She leaves her mother, unknown that Mrs. Brooks is actually ill, and she leaves Baltimore.

Bethany Shields, ambitious young newspaper photographer, who swears that some day he and Celia will be married.

The girl is lonely and ill at ease in her new home. She has to create an evening and is worried. He appeals to Mrs. Parsons: Kate's gown was glittering white—with trailing skirt and a bodice which had shocked Celia. The dress was undoubtedly becoming to its Brunette wearer. Almost anything Celia thought, would look handsome on Kate Duncan, but her bored manner was a little frightening.

Dinner was announced. Celia thrilled secretly when she found to win her way by pleasant means first. These failing, she was quick to change her tactics.

Evelyn was engaged in such "pleasant" plotting when she invited Tod Jordan to join her weekend house party. Jordan was exactly the type to fascinate an unsophisticated girl like Celia.

They stood near the doorway. Evelyn very smart in a gown of sun green stuff which contrasted brilliantly with her hair, and the young man bending toward her attentively.

"Must you always be more interested in other women?" she chided archly.

Jordan's quick answer deepened Mrs. Parsons' smile. She had always been sensitive to flattery. "The girl you're to be particularly nice to is the little one in pink," she went on.

Celia was designated. Without apparently shifting his gaze Jordan made a hasty appraisal, missing few details of Celia's appearance. One eyebrow rose the merest trifle. Otherwise he offered no comment.

"Who else is there you don't know?" Evelyn asked.

"There's only one I have met—Eve Brooks."

"Come! I'll introduce you."

Celia Mitchell, who had been watching this tableau from the divan across the room, turned her head and began talking to Lisi Duncan. She was curious about the newcomer. Who was she? Evelyn had mentioned the names of all her other guests. And this man looked like someone important. She tried to conceal her interest.

"Celia," Evelyn Parsons was saying, "this is Tod Jordan. One of my shipmates on the boat this last trip. He's violently prejudiced about brown eyes, so I brought him to you."

"How do you do?" Celia said.

She looked up to encounter Tod Jordan's cool, quizzical smile. Jordan was just under six feet in height. He was slender, but well built, with a touch of militarism in the way he carried his shoulders. His face was bronzed, not ruddily sunburned, as were the other men. He had dark hair and eyes which seemed faintly challenging.

Perhaps Jordan was 25. Perhaps he was 30. There was a hard, polished surface to his manner which impressed Celia. She labelled it "sophistication."

The man bowed formally.

"I am delighted," he said, taking her hand. "May I sit here?"

"Of course."

There was plenty of room on the divan, but Celia moved a little to one side. Lisi Duncan, who sat at Celia's left, evidently felt slighted and turned her back. Mrs. Parsons had joined another group.

"Our hostess is very brave," Jordan remarked casually.

"Oh, I think Mrs. Parsons is wonderful," Celia told him.

"Beautiful," the young man corrected her, "and very brave."

"I don't believe I understand."

"No? But it's so obvious. When a woman of Evelyn's age dares to invite into her home such competition!" A meaningful wave of the hand completed the sentence.

Celia blushed. She was embarrassed and yet pleased. While Jordan was speaking there was not a trace of emotion in his face, but his voice had an exciting quality. She knew too that the pink net party dress was becoming.

Celia turned, evidently to make a demand on Jordan's attention. She wanted to know, if he had seen a certain night club entertainer. Lisi was an amusing girl, not at all like her sister Kate, who was beautiful and dignified. Lisi was boyish, awkward, and wore her red hair cropped short. Her little freckled face (sunburned, too) would have looked more at home on a tennis court than at a dinner party, but she appeared to go everywhere and know everyone. She had a way of drawing original slang which was highly humorous.

Now she launched into extra-

gant praise of the new saxophone player. Celia felt that she liked Lisi better than the others.

Young Mrs. Brooks, whom no one called anything but "Eve," was blonde and pretty in a more fragile way than Evelyn Parsons. Eve wore a gown of lemon yellow and looked like a slender daffodil. There was a young man on either side of her, but Celia noticed Mrs. Brooks darting frequent looks at Tod Jordan.

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Celia had said truthfully that she had met Jordan on the ocean liner.

She had chatted with him in a deck chair, strolled occasionally in the moonlight and watched him invariably winning at cards. Being

observant Evelyn had noticed Jordan was usually to be seen with young women who had large bank accounts, and with men he met in the card room.

His working hours, she decided, were those he spent at cards. Was his name really Jordan? Evelyn doubted this, but of course there was no proof. He seemed to know the right people, and he was tremen-

dously effective on a romantic deck at night.

The widow's reasoning was sim-

ple. At present Celia Mitchell was useful to her but that usefulness would end soon. Jordan was ex-

actly the aide she needed. Evelyn Parsons was playing her cards well.

The dinner that evening was very gay. The table with its flowers and silver and crystal was more festive than anything Celia had ever seen. The colours of the women's gowns added glamour to the scene. No one in the room re-

alized that this was the first party Celia Mitchell had ever attended.

Jordan talked of the races, polo, and a recent aerial trip he had made which ended in excitement.

"But you haven't told me anything about yourself!" he remanded.

"There's nothing to tell."

"That is quite impossible."

Again Celia's cheeks coloured. Without a smile, without the least change of inflection, Tod Jordan managed to convey implications. His dark eyes watched the girl.

"But there really is nothing to tell," she laughed. "You see, New York and everything here is new to me. I've never seen anything or been anywhere! That's why it's so wonderful to come to this party."

Again Jordan's eyebrow did the little trick of raising and then lowering itself even so slightly.

"Are you a relative of Mrs. Parsons?" he asked.

"No, no! Only she and my father are old friends. Father's coming down tomorrow."

"Really?"

Celia would have been astounded to know that Tod Jordan could quote her father's financial rating precisely. He had considerably more information about John Mitchell than had Mitchell's daughter.

"But all this time you've been in school you must have been doing something," the man persisted.

"How do you amuse yourself?"

"Tennis? Like to swim? Dance?"

"I'm no good at tennis," Celia said, "but I love swimming and dancing."

"Then I'm glad I came. I insist on the first dance."

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After full justice had been done to the excellent menu provided, the Chairman proposed the toast of the King, which was enthusiastically drunk.

Lt. Colonel Marsden next proposed the toast of the Corps, in a few well-chosen words.

In proposing the toast of the Royal Engineers' Old Comrades Association, Lieutenant P. T. Mahoney gave a brief review of the Association. He said that it was formed in October, 1918, for the purpose of keeping war comrades in touch with each other. Since its formation, the Association had gone on from strength to strength, increasing in its membership. Its success was mainly due to the sound principles on which it was working, and which were the objects of the Association.

As they all knew, the mind of the world was changing, and statesmen of all nations were striving to find a way to ensure that there should be no further war. The general idea prevalent was that no one wanted war. The soldiers did not want war nor did sane men. It was only the lunatics and fools who wanted war. He was perfectly sure that all the efforts to prevent war in the future would be successful.

Outlining the objects of the Association, the speaker said that they were threefold. Firstly, to encourage a spirit of good com-

radship among its ranks. Secondly to obtain employment for all its members; and thirdly to ensure assistance to members, their widows and their children. Besides these objects there were three other minor ones, such as recommending the Corps to young men, circulating information about the Corps, and providing interment for as many of its members as possible on their death. He classed all these objects as belonging to the category of social service. It was up to them to play their part and do all they could to further the objects of the Association.

The speaker concluded by paying tributes to the work done by the Secretary, Mr. Robins, the other officials and the Committee.

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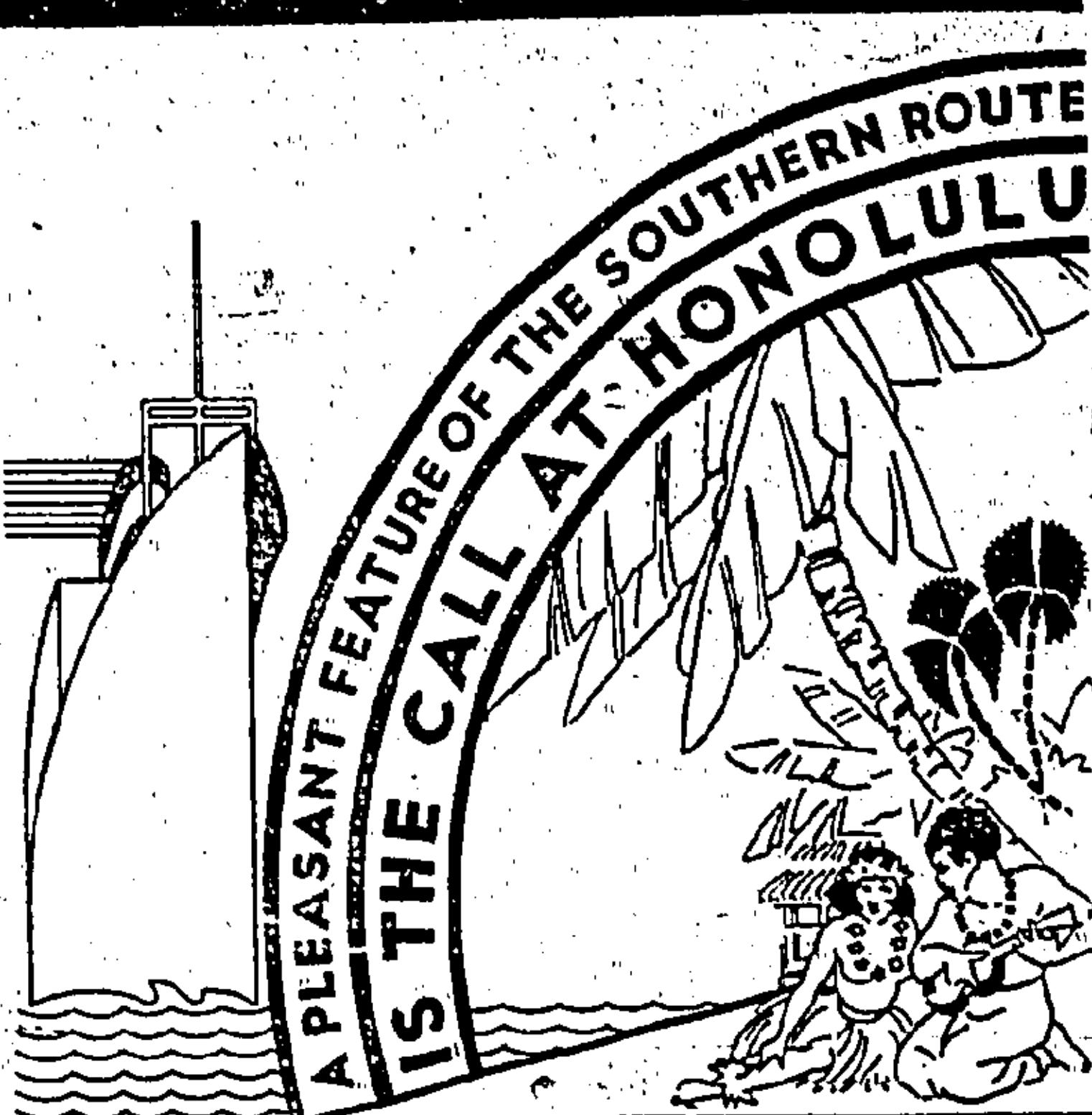
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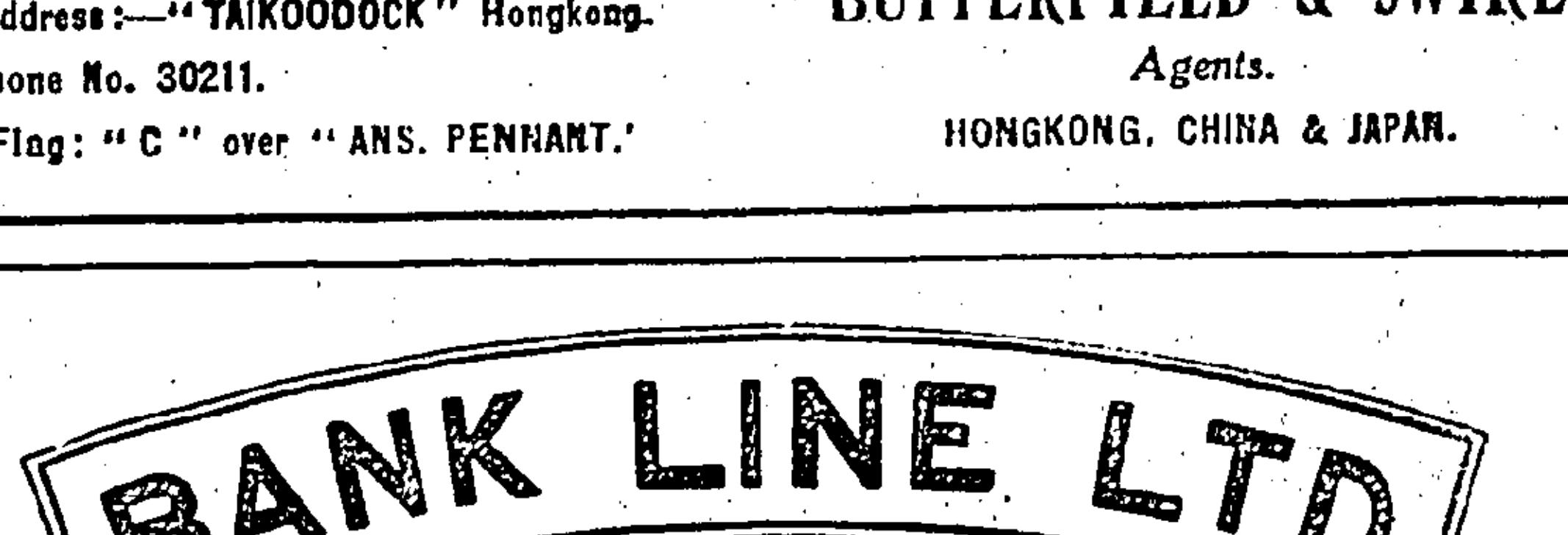
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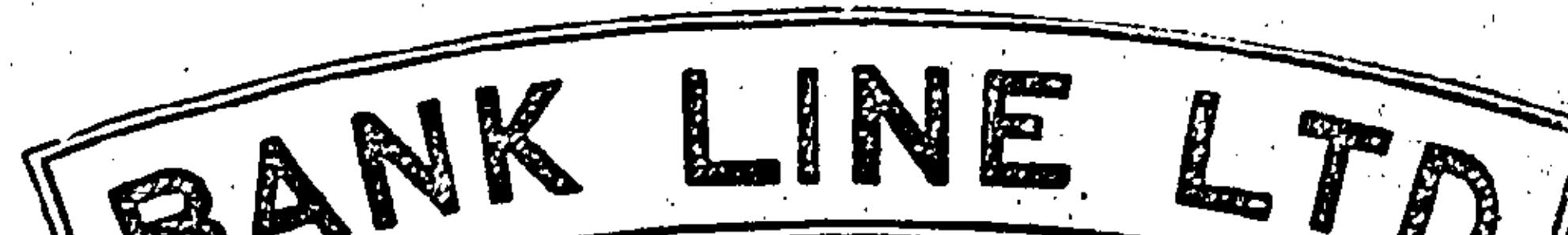
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Mrs. R. T. Matheson, of Huntington, Stubbs Road, was the defendant to an action yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice Jacks, when she was sued by Suzell Hamissy, chauffeur, for \$60 wages in lieu of notice, as driver of her motor car. Both parties conducted their own cases.

Plaintiff stated that he was engaged as chauffeur at a wage of \$60 a month on September 1, of this year. On the afternoon of October 8 he was taken ill with stomach trouble and did not return to work until the 11th. Mrs. Matheson then told him that he would have to pay \$7 a day towards the expenses of public cars while he had been sick. He refused to do so with the result that she dismissed him.

Plaintiff further stated that, having obtained another position with Mr. Sturt in September, which he finally took up on October 15, he gave notice to Mrs. Matheson on October 1. He said he had been paid for September but had not received anything for October. As he was dismissed without notice he claimed for wages.

### Three Days' Damages.

His Lordship pointed out that as plaintiff obtained other work on the 15th he could only claim damages for three days' unemploy- ment.

Mrs. Matheson said that plaintiff was engaged at \$55 a month, which would be increased to \$60 if he was satisfactory. It was also agreed between them that if plaintiff became sick he would provide a substitute driver. When paid his wages on October 1, he gave notice that he was leaving at the end of October.

Defendant continued that when the plaintiff went off sick he was, in fact, not sick, but wanted to leave in order to take up his new job. She said she had been forced to pay between \$8 and \$9 a day for the use of public cars for her guests while plaintiff was absent and when he returned on October 11, she pointed out that he had broken his agreement by not providing a substitute and suggested that he should pay a proportion of the cost. On hearing this, plaintiff simply walked out of the room and did not return to work again. Mrs. Matheson denied that she dismissed him.

His Lordship finally said he was not satisfied that Mrs. Matheson did dismiss the plaintiff and, as the onus was on the plaintiff, he had not satisfied his Lordship that his story was true. Judgment would be given for the defendant with costs.

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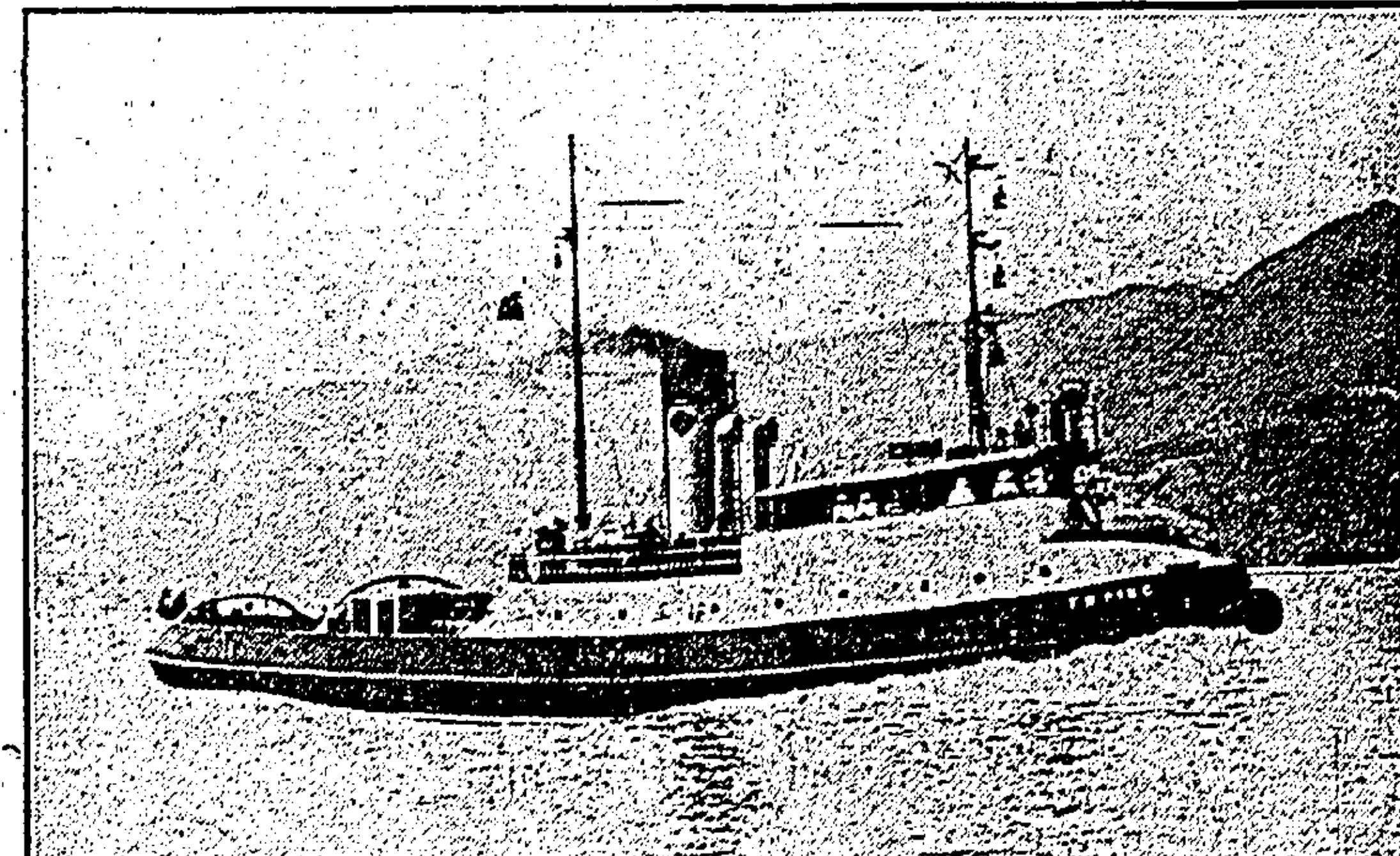
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The first concert of what it is hoped will be an annual series in aid of the Chinese Mission to Lepers was held at the Theatre Royal last night, and was attended by His Excellency, Sir William Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G., and Lady Peel and party, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and Lady Chow and the Hon. Mr. S. W. T'so and party. A long and enjoyable programme was delivered which was well received. The various items included songs, violin solos, Chinese String Trio and Cantonese Song, those contributing being Mr. Li Chor-chi, Mrs. Balcan, Mr. W. Houston Bailey, Mrs. R. Sanger, Mrs. Bruce Wilson, Mrs. Lui Man-shing, Mr. D. Barty and Messrs. Pun In-tat, Lui Man-shing and Ma Ping-lit. Mr. W. J. Geall contributed "A Yorkshire Philosopher." Mr. W. P. Fleming was the accompanist, and in addition music was supplied by members of the band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (by permission of Lieut. Col. R. G. MacLaine, M. C.).

Prior to the commencement of the concert, a short address was delivered by Mr. P. Y. Lo, assistant secretary of the Mission, who briefly outlined the work of the Mission as already published in these columns, saying there were supposed to be over a million lepers in China and they hoped to rid China of the disease within 30 years if sufficient support was found. So far, he said, they had relied on voluntary contributions from the Hongkong Football Association, St. Stephen's Girls' and Boys' Colleges, and the Hongkong branch of the Ling Nam College, but it was hoped to make the concert an annual one for the purpose of raising funds.

He said that the organisers had received very encouraging support for the concert with more offers of help from artists than they could avail themselves of without making the programme too long, and although they had been compelled to decline some help yet they were nevertheless grateful that it had been offered.

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### SEVERAL NOMINEES FOR THE POST.

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A.D.C. PRESENT TWO PLAYS.

EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES LAST NIGHT.

With a very fair attendance, the entertainment offered by the Hongkong A.D.C. last night at the Helena May Institute proved quite a success. The programme consisted of two short plays—“Snobs” and “Half an Hour.” In both plays the part of the manservant was taken by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, who filled the role with really remarkable exactitude. Mr. E. W. Hamilton, as Herbert Bradbury in “Snobs,” gave a fine interpretation of the latent snobishness of a self-made man, while his wife (Peggy Newbiggin) carried out her part to perfection. Mr. A. Sommerfeld as Lord William Saville, escaped from Dartmoor Prison, was inclined to overdo his part, but nevertheless gave a very good portrayal of a young man of rank who, despite all his snobishness, has fallen into evil ways.

“Half an Hour” was not so successful as “Snobs” on account of the cramped stage which allowed but limited movement. It was, however, well played, the outstanding parts being those of Lady Lilian (Evelyn Grist) and Dr. Brodie (C. Champkin). While in “Snobs” Mr. Lindsell took a distinctly leading part, in “Half an Hour” his role was a minor one, yet played excellently. The comic element was injected into the play by the appearance of Susie (Miss Joyce Miskin).

Both plays were well received and give promise of an excellent rendering of “The Middle Watch,” which is to be produced by the same players at the Theatre Royal commencing on Saturday.

ROBBED FORMER EMPLOYER.

MAN GIVEN BED AND THEN STEALS MONEY.

Wat Hoi was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for having stolen \$53 from Mr. Pee-kam, shopkeeper of 249, Reclamation Street.

Defective Sergeant Fitches said the defendant was a former son of the complainant, being dismissed about a month ago. On the morning of November 11, at about four o'clock, the defendant went to the complainant's shop and asked to be given a bed to rest for some time. The complainant also slept in the same room. Defendant was given a bed and after he had left in the morning, the complainant found that a box, in which money was kept, had been forced open. The defendant was arrested the same night with \$23.90 in his possession.

Defendant said he took only \$29. He was out of a job and wanted some money.

BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE.

SOME ESSENTIAL POINTS MISINTERPRETED.

London, Nov. 12. In the House of Commons at question-time to-day, answering to the Opposition with regard to British policy in Palestine, the Prime Minister said that the Government White Paper issued after the receipt of the Hope Simpson Report had given rise to misunderstanding and had been misinterpreted in some of its essential points.

The Government, therefore, did not intend to proclaim Ordinances before the White Paper was discussed in the House of Commons.

He emphasised that the Government intended to carry out its mandatory obligations to both sections of the population in Palestine.—British Wireless.

DYNAMITE STORED IN MATSHED.

CONTRACTOR FINED FOR NEGLIGENCE.

ABERDEEN DISCOVERY

A summons for storing a quantity of dynamite and detonators in a matshed, instead of in a magazine, was brought against a building contractor in charge of construction work at Aberdeen, before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning.

Sergeant Cunningham informed his Worship that he visited the matshed and found a quantity of dynamite and detonators in a locker in a matshed on the site. There was one man lying in the shed with an oil lamp burning. The dynamite tallied with the amount that should have been in the magazine.

A representative of the contractor told the Court that although his firm were in charge, the excavation contract was sub-let to another contractor who employed his own men. Instructions were given that all dangerous goods were to be kept in the magazine, but apparently through the ignorance of the men it was stored in the matshed. It was subsequently found that one of the two watchmen engaged at the magazine had returned to the country, while the other was sick, and he thought it would be safer for the dynamite to be taken from the magazine and put in the matshed.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$50 and pointed out that it was not sufficient for the contractor to give instructions; he had to see that the regulations were actually carried out.

EMPIRE ECONOMIC ISSUES.

DISCUSSIONS TO COME TO END TO-DAY.

London, Nov. 12.

The heads of the delegations to the Imperial Conference continued their consideration of the economic aspects of inter-imperial relations this afternoon, and adjourned until to-morrow morning, when they hope to conclude their discussion on economic questions, including suggestions for the quota system, Import Boards and bulk purchase which have been put forward as possible alternatives to Imperial Preference by means of tariffs.

In the afternoon, they will continue the discussion of foreign affairs begun yesterday. That will be the last meeting at which General Hertzog will be present as he proposes to sail for South Africa on Friday. He will, of course, be represented at the final Plenary Session of the Conference, which is fixed provisionally for Friday morning.—British Wireless.

NAVAL SEAPLANE SAFEGUARDS.

COLLAPSIBLE DINGHIES TO BE CARRIED.

London, Nov. 12.

Mr. F. Montague, Under-Secretary for Air, stated in the House of Commons to-day that a life-saving collapsible dinghy, which could be rapidly inflated by mechanical means, had recently been subjected to practical tests with satisfactory results and would be carried on all sea-going seaplanes large enough to be so equipped.

Action was being taken to improve the buoyancy of all aircraft operating from aircraft carriers and of all metal sea-going aeroplanes up to a standard of at least two or three hours' buoyancy in fair weather.—British Wireless.

QUOTA SYSTEM FOR WORLD DRUGS.

SCHEME DRAWN UP AT LONDON CONFERENCE.

London, Nov. 12. The preliminary opium conference which commenced its labour in London towards the end of last month, with Sir Malcolm Delvingne in the chair, has concluded.

It is learned that the delegations, representing eleven countries concerned in the manufacture of drugs, have reached a provisional agreement regarding the manufacture of cocaine, under which certain manufacturing quotas will be allocated to the various manufacturing countries.

Consideration of the allocation of further quotas for the manufacture of morphine and its derivatives will be continued by the representatives of the various Governments concerned with the object of reaching an agreement before the meeting in January of the Opium Advisory Committee of the League of Nations.

The scheme drawn up by the conference does not cover Turkey or Japan. The delegates of these countries reserved their decisions.—Reuter.

PRIME MINISTER FOR BOLDNESS.

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templated in the Declaration of 1917 is the attainment of Dominion Status. The other was made by the Viceroy in July this year. It promises India the enjoyment of as large a degree of management of her own affairs as could be shown to be compatible with the necessity for making provision for those matters in regard to which she is not yet in a position to assume responsibility. Our allotted task is to interpret these statements liberally and to translate them courageously into possible measures.

Mr. Ba Pe, the Burmese delegate, said: “We believe that friendly discussion will remove the obstacles and solve the problems that viewed from one standpoint only, appear unsurmountable or insoluble.”—British Wireless.

DAYLIGHT OUTRAZE BY PIRATES.

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kidnapped, with his second assistant, is Mr. Tong Siu-hing, a native of Swatow.

The Pirated Ship.

The s.s. Hirundine is a sister ship to three other boats, the Helios, Hellas and Hirma, all of which are often in Hongkong harbour. She was built in Norway in 1926 and is 250 feet long; moulded breadth, 42 feet; moulded depth, 20 feet 1 inch. Her gross tonnage is 1,926.

She is owned by the Bruusgaard Kiosterud and Company of Drammen, Norway, for whom Messrs. Thoresen and Company Limited, of Queen's Building, are agents.

The pirated vessel regularly runs between Hongkong, Swatow and Bangkok, and is officered by six Europeans and one Chinese, her captain being Mr. John A. Pedersen. The crew is composed of 74 Chinese.

When seized by the pirates the vessel was carrying a general cargo and about 200 Chinese passengers. It is believed there were no European passengers on board. She left Hongkong for Swatow and Bangkok on Sunday morning, and Swatow for Bangkok direct at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

Mall has been received at the American Consulate General for the following persons: Wm. R. Attaway, Ch. L. Boender, Miss F. Bostwick, G. Carey, Chong Lok, Rev. J. J. Corbett, S. Domingo, T. Durdin, H. C. Evans, P. Hambleton, E. Hamilton, A. H. Martin, J. A. McGee, I. C. Moller, J. Murphy, S. J. Newman, W. C. Ockland, F. N. Shumaker, Mrs. K. Smith, E. Snow, G. L. Townsend, Wardley, W. B. Williamson.



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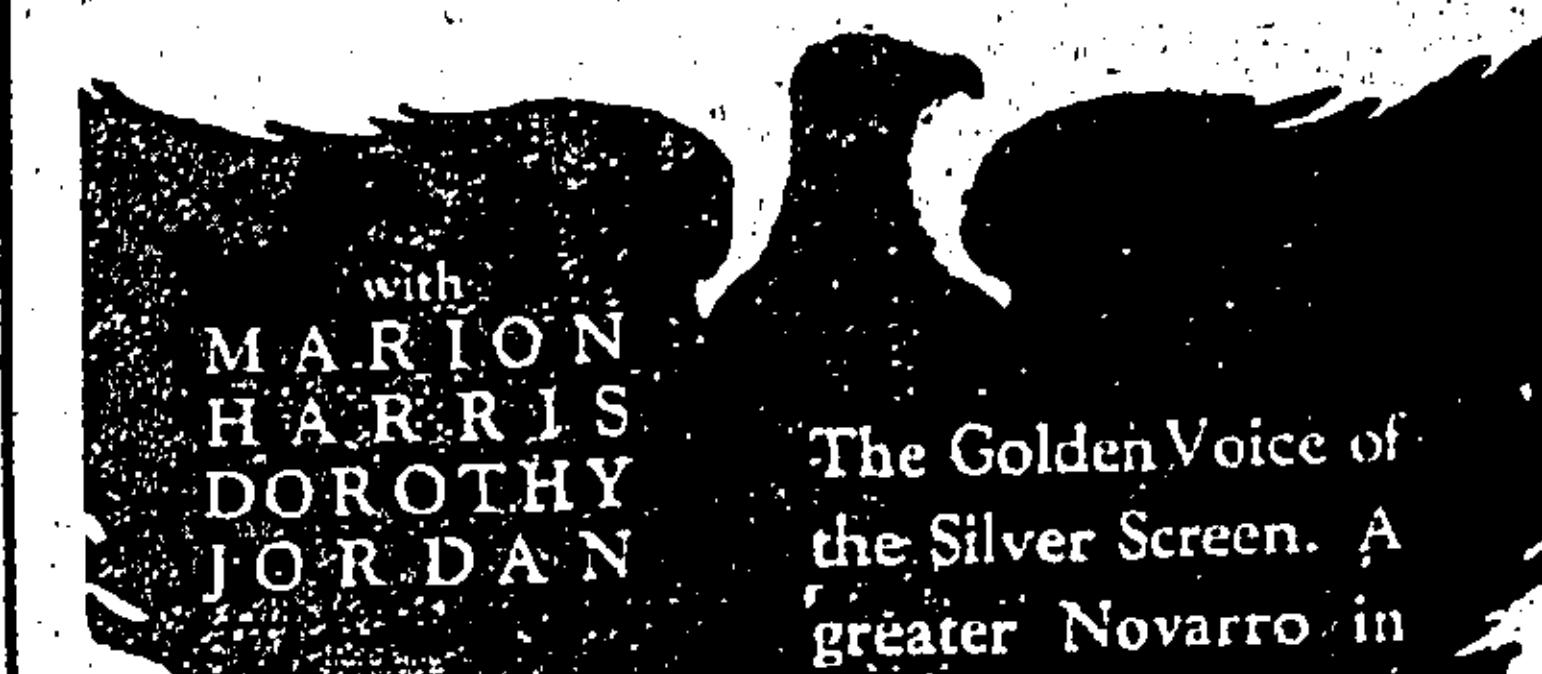
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